

# GOLDSWORTH NEWS



Sandie Chandler (centre), captain of team Dragon Fly, is awarded the winners' trophy by Kris Cook's mum, Sue



Reg Varney Rowing Club, who took silver

## Dragon Boat Charity Challenge is a roaring success

Almost 300 competitors paddled across Goldsworth Park Lake in July for Woking & Sam Beare Hospices' annual Dragon Boat Challenge. Sixteen teams took to the water competing against each other in colourful long boats, and plenty of sunshine and local support meant the day was a roaring success. *Continued on page 3.*



Semmco Sinkers



Team Dragon Fly, who won the race



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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, 8th Sept. 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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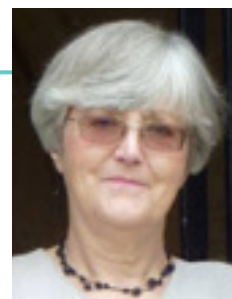
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# Views from the Chair



My email and the website have been buzzing with comments on Woking Borough Council's first draft of a landscape plan for the recreation ground. Unfortunately, we received the plan too late to be included in the last magazine but, after discussion at the GPCA meeting, it has been available on the website. External funding for a couple of the initiatives – two junior football pitches and outdoor gym equipment – means they could be progressed quickly. Other suggestions – a cycle track and multi-use games area, a picnic area and more car parking, making the woodland more accessible and a wetland area – will be subject to further discussion before firm plans are put in place. If you have not seen the plans yet, take a look on the GPCA's website.

Initial responses were requested by the end of August and, so far, many people have welcomed these proposals. The prospect of a privately run refreshment kiosk is very popular. Whilst there are those who say that such additions to the park will be another focus for vandalism, the GPCA

believes that we must not allow the majority to suffer because of the bad behaviour of the minority. If we allowed that to happen we would not have a rebuilt Goldwater Lodge or new public toilet!

The junior football pitches have had a more mixed reception; while the demand is there from the youngsters who regularly play at the weekends, some residents are concerned about the impact on their properties – unfounded rumours of high fences and flood-lighting have not helped – and there are concerns about an increase in anti-social parking. The Council is aware of these concerns and is looking at options.

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*

## STOP PRESS. Public toilet opened on 3rd September.

### Dragon Boat Challenge cont'd

True to tradition, the event started with an awakening ceremony for good luck, where WSB Hospices' Trustee, Sue Jones, dotted the eyes of the Dragon Boats, and members of the Chinese School of Woking performed a colourful Lion Dance. Each team could include up to 20 people and everyone got to race three rounds. The four fastest teams were then selected for the final.



*Dragon Boats on the shore*

Dragon Fly, The Semmco Sinkers, The Reg Varney Rowing Club and Burpham Boaters made for a very close final, but Dragon Fly clinched it with the fastest time of the day: 1 minute, 8 seconds!

Sandie Chandler, a Clinical Nurse Specialist at the Hospices and the captain of team Dragon Fly, said: "Some of the team took part last year and we had such great fun, we were determined to do it again. We had youth on our side, with the youngest team member aged just 13. I am so proud and chuffed with them all!"

The event was held in memory of Kris Cook who suffered a cardiac arrest in last year's Prudential Ride London-Surrey while raising money for the Hospices. Kris grew up close to Goldsworth Park and he regularly attended Woking Water Activity Centre. His girlfriend Nicola Tait was Captain of 'KC in the House/Boat' and his mum, Sue, handed out the winning medals. They declared the day a fitting tribute to Kris, especially as it fell very near to his birthday.

The event is now fixed in the Hospices' calendar. Being located so close to the new hospice, it offers an ideal opportunity to engage with local residents as well as use the fantastic local facilities.

For further information on Woking & Sam Beare Hospices and ways that you can support, visit [www.wsbhospices.co.uk](http://www.wsbhospices.co.uk).



# 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)

## Goodbye from the Coulsons

Dear Residents of Goldsworth Park,

By the time this letter reaches you, you may or may not have been informed that we, Cllrs. Denzil and Amanda Coulson, have resigned as your local Goldsworth East and West Councillors. As a family, we have decided to accept a great opportunity to relocate to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents of Goldsworth Park for the amazing support given to us as your local Councillors. We could not have achieved any of our successes in the community without the encouragement and backing from these wonderful residents. It was an honour and privilege to serve the Goldsworth Park Community, who also made us feel very welcome not only as Councillors, but also as a family.

We would also like to thank the Goldsworth Park Community Association (GPCA), the Lakeview Community Action Group (LCAG), St Andrew's Church, the Bangladeshi Cultural Association, the Salvation Army, the Neighbourhood Police Team and all the other local groups, too many to mention here, for all their support in helping us make this a neighbourhood to be proud of.

**THANK YOU EVERYONE!**

Cllr. Denzil Coulson & Cllr. Amanda Coulson

*The GPCA thanks Amanda and Denzil for all their hard work on behalf of the community and wishes them every success in their new lives in Abu Dhabi.*

## Farnborough air traffic

As a resident of Goldsworth Park for over 30 years, I am becoming very concerned about the ever-increasing air traffic into Farnborough Airport. Aircraft landing at Farnborough start their descent directly over Goldsworth Park and the decreasing height of landing aircraft causes noise and pollution for the communities under the flight path.

I have discovered that TAG Farnborough Airport has permission to nearly double the number of aircraft movements over the next 5 years. Also, European legislation could result in fewer flights at a low altitude and aircraft flying fewer track miles around the airport but this might lead to a narrower future flight path, so that fewer people experience greater noise levels.

The Farnborough Airport Consultative Committee (FACC) is consulting on these changes and Surrey County Council is represented. If, like me, you are concerned about the situation, check out [www.facc.org.uk/airspacechange.htm](http://www.facc.org.uk/airspacechange.htm) for information. You could also contact Goldsworth Park's Surrey County Councillors Saj Hussain and Colin Kemp.

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The service is free if you live in Woking or Surrey Heath Boroughs.

And if by any chance you are interested in becoming a community mediator yourself please get in touch. We are now recruiting – partly because of our expansion into Surrey Heath Borough, partly because we will be doing more family dispute work in the future (but not matrimonial/partnership mediation – that's not our specialism).

We are not necessarily expecting you to be a qualified mediator – we will train you once you have established your commitment to us. But you must demonstrate that you have a broad experience of dealing with people of every background, that you have an abundance of common sense, a real desire to help people live happier lives and a great ability to listen in a non-judgmental way.

If that sounds like you, please ring 01483 715063.

### *Raft Race Sunk*

Woking Lions have pulled the plug on the Charity Raft Race due to be held on Goldsworth Park Lake on 19th September.

Roger Chamberlain, the Club's Fundraising Chairman said "It is with great regret that, due to circumstances beyond our control, Woking Lions have been forced to cancel the Raft Race. It is hoped that we can find a new date in 2016 when we can raise funds for local good causes."

## CALENDAR

**Friday 4th to Sunday 6th September:** Woking Food and Drink Festival, across Woking Town Centre (see Council News)

**Tuesday 8th September, 7pm:** GPCA meeting at the Community Hall in Goldwater Lodge

**Mid-September:** Construction due to start on new hospice building

**Saturday 19th September, 10.30am: 2.30pm,** Surrey History Centre, Goldsworth Road, GU21 6ND. Surrey in the Great War – A County Remembers. Talks and displays.

**Tuesday 10th November, 7pm:** GPCA meeting at Community Hall in Goldwater Lodge

## NEWS

### *Littlewick Road petition result*

A petition to make Littlewick Road safer for pedestrians has been discussed by Surrey County Council's Woking Joint Committee. The committee took into account a similar petition in 2007 and concluded that a zebra crossing would not suit the 40mph speed limit on the road. It also felt the approximately £120,000 cost of a crossing with signals was not justified by the number of people crossing every day (which they listed as eight).

The committee agreed instead that officers would meet on site to consider clearing vegetation, reviewing signage and other possible improvements.

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# Welcome to Revd Kate Wyles

By Royer Slater

The Park has a new vicar: The Revd Kate Wyles.

Kate and her husband Jason with their four sons Jacob, Sam, Solly and Luke have moved into the Goldsworth Park vicarage. "We're all very excited about coming to live in Goldsworth Park, and bringing our puppy, Otta, and an old VW campervan called Fifi!" she exclaimed.

"I'd known for some time about the Parish of Goldsworth Park and its parish church, St Andrew's," said Kate, adding that she has lived within the Guildford Diocese for 20 years.

"I had a strong desire to lead St Andrew's: I knew it was a church at the heart of its community and a place I might call home - and the diversity of the community greatly appealed.

"I care deeply about worship being central

to church life, and was pleased to see St Andrew's has relevant, user-friendly and life-changing worship at its heart. As vicar I am committed to making it accessible, welcoming and transforming."

Kate began three year theological training in 2008. After ordination in 2011 she served first as Assistant Curate in the Parish of Godalming, then as Assistant Curate in the Parish of Stoke-next-Guildford until her appointment as vicar of Goldsworth Park.

"I'm greatly looking forward to meeting the people of Goldsworth Park," she said, "as their new vicar and neighbour!"

Kate was formally installed during a special service at St Andrew's by Rt Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford, with Ven Paul Bryer, Archdeacon of Dorking.

Revd Kate Wyles can be contacted via the Parish Office: 01483 723879, office@goldsworthpark.org.uk



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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30pm Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015

the Community Hall, Goldwater Lodge, Wishbone Way,  
Goldsworth Park, Woking GU21 3RT

The Goldsworth Park Community Association is holding its Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 17th November 2015 in the Community Hall at Goldwater Lodge. All residents are encouraged to attend to hear about the Association's activities, to discuss issues affecting Goldsworth Park and to elect Officers of the Committee.

All residents are entitled to nominate and vote for Officers of the Association's Committee for the coming year. To make a nomination, please complete the nomination form and return it to the Chairman at 37 Willowmead Close, Woking, Surrey GU21 3DN or email your nominations to chair@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk by Friday, 13th November 2015

### Nomination Form

I wish to make nominations for the following positions:

POSITION	INCUMBENT	NOMINATION
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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.

Whilst taking my regular morning stroll round the lake, approaching the eastern bay, I immediately noticed two rather odd differences to the scene – “Where’s the island?” I thought, and “Why is the water a reddish-brown colour?” I hadn’t overdone the vino the night before so I realised there must be a simple explanation to these strange happenings. In the strong winds during the previous night, the island had broken free of its anchors, drifted into the wildlife area and beached itself on the bank. On closer inspection, I could see that the chains had rusted through and given up the ghost. Until new galvanised chains were sourced, the island was secured to a tree for safe keeping but now, the island is back in its proper place.

As for the change in the colour of the water, that is not so easily resolved. Again, probably due to the wind, a slight algal bloom has been blown into the bay, concentrating its appearance. At first, it didn’t seem too bad and sometimes it disappeared altogether for a bit, but unfortunately, over time, it has become more dense, giving much of the lake this unsightly appearance. Most algae are, thankfully, quite harmless but they can suppress the oxygen in the water which puts fish and other water-borne life at risk. We have reported this to the Environment



Island aground



Dropping the anchor

Agency, which has carried out oxygen tests. The results were very good; 70 parts per million is a good average and, at the moment, the lake is showing over 100ppm, which is excellent. We will continue to monitor the situation in the hope that, as the water cools down in autumn, the algae will naturally die off. If the oxygen levels fall significantly, we may have to consider mechanical aerators.

Dog walkers – as a precaution, we would recommend that you do not let your dog drink the water or go into the water – some algae are harmful if ingested.

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## WOKING & SAM BEARE HOSPICES

By Lorraine Weedon, Marketing and Communications Manager



## Building contractors appointed for new hospice

Things are now starting to move forward with the new hospice and in August we announced that construction was scheduled to start in mid-September with the main works commencing in October. The appointed contractors are Reside Construction from Romsey, Hampshire. Reside submitted the most competitive bid and at the same time impressed the Trustees with their approach to managing the project, saying that they "look forward to delivering a new hospice which we know will be treasured by the community for many years to come".

Reside Construction will ensure that building work is carried out with the minimum of disruption to neighbours and there will be regular updates and progress reports. We anticipate welcoming in-patient referrals from early 2017 (not 2016 as currently displayed on the sign outside the site!)

Our vision of reconfiguring services is now becoming a reality. The office block in Denton Way will be converted into a state-of-the-art 20-bed hospice with Wellbeing Centre, therapy rooms and base for our community teams. It's a building that has stood empty for a number of years and we look forward to bringing light and life to this

area. As well as superb facilities for patients and their families, the new information centre and café will offer a welcoming environment for all who visit.

With the loan facility from Woking Borough Council allowing us to start the project, we will be launching a Public appeal in early 2016, to engage with local people and ask them to continue to support local hospice care for generations to come. Look out for more information on the New Future Appeal in the next issue.

Keep updated by visiting the hospice website [www.wsbhospices.co.uk/newfuture](http://www.wsbhospices.co.uk/newfuture) or call 01483 881750 and ask for the Communications Department.



Reside Project Director, Andy Sparks and  
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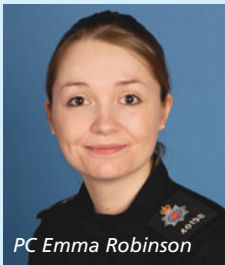


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## Police update

The Goldsworth Park Team would like to update residents that PCSO 15004 Adam Worsell has left the team and moved on to become a Police Officer within Surrey Police. We wish him the best of luck with his future career.

On a positive note we do welcome a new member to the team: PC 40250 Simon Ramsay. Simon joined the team in August having spent the past 5 years working as part of our response team.

Simon is looking forward to joining the Neighbourhood Team. If you see him out and about on patrol, please feel free to talk to him about any concerns you may have in the area.

We have recently seen an increase in antisocial use of motor vehicles in Wishbone Way, Woking. I would encourage residents to report any antisocial use of motor vehicles to Police, providing a registration number so that they can be dealt with robustly.

We have recently identified some of those responsible for using their vehicles late

in the evenings in Wishbone Way in a manner that causes residents harassment, alarm and distress. The vehicles and drivers will be issued a Section 59 warning letter. Should they be seen acting in the same manner again within 12 months of the Section 59 warning, the vehicle will be seized. In some instances, if grounds permit, we will also look to prosecute for further offences such as driving without due care and attention.

We will be holding a panel meeting at the end of the year; a date will be published nearer the time.

If you have any information about crime or issues in your area, please report to Surrey Police on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## Lakeview Youth Club is thriving

*By Royer Slater*

The Lakeview Youth Club is thriving since moving into two new venues on Goldsworth Park after the Lakeview Community Hall closed for renovation.

On Monday evenings from 7-9pm it meets in the A2 Youth and Community Hall at Goldsworth Park Centre in partnership with St Andrew's Church. "All are welcome for Xbox games, pool, table tennis, crafts, trips and more," said Briony Chamberlain, Senior Manager with Reflex Woking, which

provides a wide range of youth provisions across the Borough of Woking. "We invite all 11-18 year olds to come along, bring friends and meet new people."

On Wednesdays, Lakeview Youth Club is based at the Salvation Army in Sythwood from 5.30-7.30pm. "Young people can hang out with their mates, play games, Xbox or sports and get involved in projects," she said. "If someone needs support, youth workers are available to chat through their issues and direct them to others who can help."

"We would like to say thank you to all our volunteers for the hard work they do," added Briony. "We are always looking for more volunteers to help during youth session, so if you would like to help out in your local community and support young people please get in contact with me on 0744 352 5261 or email [briony.chamberlain@reflex.org](mailto:briony.chamberlain@reflex.org)."



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# COUNCIL NEWS

## Goldsworth Park confirmed as WBC ward

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England has confirmed Government approval for the new Ward boundary arrangements for Woking Borough.

From Thursday 5 May 2016, when all-out local elections will be held, Woking Borough will consist of 10 Wards - Goldsworth Park is one - each with three councillors.

## Grants for local voluntary organisations

There are grants available through a Woking Borough Council scheme to help local non-profit groups who may be in need of financial assistance to continue providing their services.

Apply through Window on Woking: [www.windowonwoking.org.uk](http://www.windowonwoking.org.uk). If you need help with the application, contact the Woking Association of Voluntary Service (WAVS - 01483 751456), based at Provincial House in Commercial Way, Woking.

The closing date for completed applications is Friday 4th September.

## £2m savings in waste collection proposed

A single contract is proposed for waste and recycling collection and street cleaning in at least four of Surrey's districts and boroughs, including Woking. It is anticipated that combined savings of up to £2m per year will be achieved, while high quality customer service for residents is maintained. Woking Borough Council is part of the Surrey Waste Partnership which aims to increase recycling and reduce the cost of collecting and disposing of the county's waste.

## Council prosecutes smokers for non-payment of fines

Failing to respond to fixed-penalty notices has resulted in fines and criminal convictions for 28 people found guilty of littering and smoke-free offences in Woking.

The Council prosecuted 24 litterbugs and four anti-social smokers for failing to pay fines issued in November 2014 as part of its public education and enforcement campaign.

## Call for Surrey to share in Budget roads bonanza

Surrey is calling on the Government to act so the county sees the benefit from a new dedicated roads fund announced in George Osborne's latest Budget.

Fears were raised that more than 3,300 miles managed by the county will miss out on the fund from Vehicle Excise Duty despite Surrey drivers contributing more than £100m through the tax every year and only around £20m coming back to the county council to manage its roads network. The council believes this figure needs to double if it is going to be able to maintain and improve Surrey's roads and sees the new fund as a solution.

## Council scoops national award

An initiative run by Surrey County Council and Surrey Police that is diverting hundreds of young people away from crime has scooped a prestigious national award.

The council's youth support service and the police won the restorative justice category in the Howard League for Penal Reform's annual community awards.

Their initiative, which has also cut reoffending rates and provided significant savings for the public purse, was featured by the Guardian last year.

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