

## Have a jolly time on the Santa Fun Run

Local families recently dressed up in Santa suits to launch Woking & Sam Beare Hospices' Santa Fun Run. The family-friendly event, which raises much-needed funds for the local charity, will take place at Mercedes-Benz World on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December, where hundreds of Santas, big and small, will be running, jogging or walking the 2.5 or 5km course.



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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, 10th Nov. 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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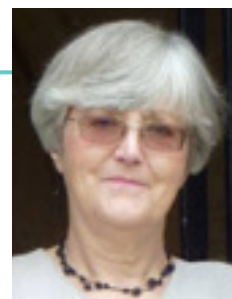
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# Views from the Chair



I would like to remind you all that Goldsworth Park has its own Remembrance Sunday Service to commemorate the fallen in the two World Wars. This year the service will be on 8th November and will be led by the new Vicar Revd Kate Wyles. The Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies parade their flags and lay poppy posies and wreaths. Representatives from St Andrew's Church, the GPCA and Waitrose Partners all lay poppy wreaths, and the service is attended by Martin Slocock and the descendants of some of the men from Slocock's Nursery named on the memorial plaques. You are all welcome to attend the Service and to observe the two minutes' silence with fellow residents.

In this issue, we are starting a series to introduce some of the organisations in Goldsworth Park. There are many interests covered by these groups – singing, angling, judo and football are just a few. They provide activities for all ages to join in. We will be running a list of clubs and organisations in future issues of The News, and featuring accounts of their interests one by one. If you are the organiser of

a club or society based in the Park and want a mention or a feature, drop a line to the editor.

We start with an introduction to The Goldsworth Park Community Association, which is timely as our AGM is in a couple of weeks' time. This is your opportunity to hear about the Association's activities, discuss issues affecting Goldsworth Park and influence the direction of the GPCA. We are looking for a new Secretary, so if you are interested in your community and have a little time to spare, please let me know. I hope to see lots of you there.

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*

## Have a jolly time on the Santa Fun Run cont'd

Events Fundraising Manager, Danielle Le Cuirot said "Our annual Santa Fun Run is the perfect way to start the festive season and it's an event for all the family."

On the day there will be a raffle with lots of prizes, live music, a free Santa suit for adults and children, and a free Santa hat for younger children. There will be a medal at the finish line for every participant.

The Hospices will also be holding a fancy dress competition, with great prizes, for adults and children who come dressed as any winter character.

Online registration for the event is now open at [www.wsbhospices.co.uk/santa](http://www.wsbhospices.co.uk/santa) or call the Fundraising Team on 01483 881752 to buy tickets.

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### Add your photos to Woking Portfolio

Do you have any old photos of Woking? Would you like to see them on a website dedicated to a photographic record of the town? Visit [www.wokingportfolio.com](http://www.wokingportfolio.com) to see what I mean.

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Malcolm Head

## NOTICES

### From fishing to boy racers – GPCA meeting update

By Michael Farlam

Fishing, rats and boy racers – some of the topics touched on by the Goldsworth Park Community Association at its meeting in September.

But the main discussion centered on a plan for improvements of the recreation ground. The proposals, developed by Woking Borough Council and publicised by the GPCA, included two junior footballs pitches and raised concerns over parking and intrusion on nearby gardens. Some residents wanted extra car parking added at the same time as the pitches to cope with the increase expected. Cllr Saj Hussain gave assurance this would be provided.

**Boy racers** – Residents thought the proposal of a 5-metre wide cycle track was excessive and would be used by “boy racers” in cars and on motorbikes, causing a disturbance. It was suggested that the track be reduced in width.

**Fishing** – Roger Westcott reported that the Angling Club has been a great success in its first six months, and that money raised would go to improvements and maintenance of the lake.

**Rats** – They are still a problem around the lake and adjacent gardens, but are now being dealt with by a new company, Monitor. If you see a rat, dead or alive, report it to the council or Serco.

If you want more information on these stories and the other matters raised at the meeting, visit [www.ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk](http://www.ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk) for the full minutes.

## WHAT'S ON

**Sunday 8th November, 10.45am** Remembrance Sunday service – outside Goldsworth Park Health Centre

**Tuesday 10th November, 7pm** GPCA meeting – Community Hall, Goldwater Lodge

**Friday 13th November, 11am-3pm** Free dog microchipping by The Dogs Trust – Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground

**Tuesday 17th November, 7.30pm** GPCA AGM – Community Hall, Goldwater Lodge

**Sunday 29th November, 4pm** Woking and Sam Beare Hospices' Light up a Life service – St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park Centre

**Saturday 5th December, 7.30pm** Woking Choral Society Christmas concert (JS Bach Christmas Oratorio) – HG Wells Centre, Woking

**Saturday 5th December, 7.30pm** Genesis choral concert (Schumann Requiem and carols) – St John's Church, West Byfleet

**Sunday 6th December, 9am** Indoor boot sale – Winston Churchill School, St John's

**Sunday 6th December**, Woking & Sam Beare Hospices' Santa Fun Run – Mercedes-Benz World (see cover)

**Sunday 13th December, 5.00pm** Family carol service – St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park Centre

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## Christmas Services at Andrew's Church



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Waitrose) to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

We begin our Christmas season with a **Christingle Service** on  
**6th December**. Children are particularly welcome at this service.

For the first time we'll have **Community Carols by Candlelight** on  
**December 13th**, with **Sing Gold, Goldsworth Park's community  
choir**, and with members of local community groups taking part.  
There will of course be the traditional carols you know and love!

On **Christmas Eve** there is a lovely family-friendly celebration in the  
afternoon and at **11pm** we have the **Christmas Night service of  
Holy Communion**. On Christmas Day we meet at **10am** to celebrate  
our Saviour's birth – bring a pressie with you to show and tell!

Merry Christmas – I hope you and your family have a fabulous time!

Revd Kate Wyles, Vicar, St Andrew's Goldsworth Park

Sunday December 6th, 10am	Christingle Service for all the family
Sunday December 13th, 5pm	Community Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve, Thursday December 24th, 3pm	Christmas Eve Carol Service a family favourite
Christmas Eve, Thursday December 24th, 11pm	Midnight Holy Communion
Christmas Day, Friday December 25th, 10am	Celebrate the birth of Jesus. Bring a pressie for show and tell!



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## Merger approved for local hospitals' trusts

Final clearance has been given for the merger of the Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

This will allow the hospitals to deliver an important number of patient benefits, including more consultant care at weekends and increased investment in facilities and technologies.

The earliest start date for the new organisation would be summer, 2016. Before that the trusts would like to hear the views and concerns of "stakeholders" and residents. Contact [comms@asph.nhs.uk](mailto:comms@asph.nhs.uk) or [rsc-tr.membership@nhs.net](mailto:rsc-tr.membership@nhs.net) or call 01932 723800.

## Dog owners: is your animal microchipped?

Woking Borough Council is urging dog owners to get their pet microchipped before new legislation comes into force.

The Government is introducing compulsory microchipping for all dogs from 6th April 2016, to help reunite owners with their lost or stolen pooches, relieve the burden on animal charities and local authorities and promote responsible dog ownership.

Government figures reveal that more than 100,000 dogs are dumped or lost each year, at a cost of £57m to the taxpayer and welfare charities.



Tom Onions, WBC Animal Warden

The microchips are coded with the owners' details, and owners who do not comply could face fines of up to £500.

Owners who require their dogs to be microchipped, or would like to find out more, should contact their local veterinary clinic. Alternatively, please contact Woking Borough Council's Animal Warden, Tom Onions, on 01483 743652 or email [tom.onions@woking.gov.uk](mailto:tom.onions@woking.gov.uk)



## Free microchipping

Pop along to Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground between 11am and 3pm on Friday 13th November when The Dogs Trust will be offering free microchipping.

## Project Wenceslas – helping people in fuel poverty

By John Cooper, President of Woking Lions and Roger N Chamberlain, Fundraising Chairman

Following our success last year in raising £3,635 to help those in fuel poverty in our district, Woking Lions Club has decided to continue our Good King Wenceslas theme this winter. Last year, together with our sister clubs in West Surrey, we raised a total of £42,852, which was distributed by Woking's Citizens Advice office, helping many in fuel poverty throughout West Surrey.

If you receive the winter fuel allowance and can manage without it, please pay some or all of it into a special account set up by Citizens Advice. They will use this income to pay the fuel debt for all local people struggling to meet the cost of heating and lighting their homes.

Any cheques should be made payable to "Woking Lions – Citizens Advice Woking", and taken to the Citizens Advice office at Provincial House, 26 Commercial Way, Woking, GU21 6EN. Woking Lions will not be aware on whose behalf the payments are received and made, as a matter of privacy. My colleagues and I would like to give our thanks in advance to everyone who is able to make a donation.

## Volunteering works wonders at



The Hospices are appealing for new volunteers to support their fundraising activities, including in their shops.

"We have a fantastic group of volunteers helping us," says Volunteers Services Manager Mary Morgan, "but as we're expanding our services to reach more people, we need to increase the support in our teams. Volunteering is fun, rewarding and purposeful, good for you, good for us and good for everyone!"

The Hospices provide care free of charge throughout northwest Surrey. Every year they support around 5,500 local people and their families and look after patients in their own homes. Volunteers play a major part in raising funds for the clinical services.

If you would like to volunteer a bit of time for the Hospices' fundraising and shop team, please contact Volunteers Services on 01483 881750 or email [volunteer@wsbhospices.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@wsbhospices.co.uk)

## Goldsworth Park Community Association

By Michael Farlam

The Goldsworth Park Community Association (GPCA) was formed when the estate was first built in the 1970s to look after the interests of the residents, promote the benefits of the area and establish a community centre, and it is still doing all that today.

At the heart of the area are the lake and the newly re-built community hall. The lake, apart from being a restful area for walkers and bird-watchers, has also become the focus for more activities, supported by the GPCA. A newly formed fishing club has already attracted a sizeable membership and earlier this year it was the venue for dragon boat races in aid of Woking Hospice.

Originally part-funded by the estate developers and aided by subscriptions from residents (do you remember the "buy a brick" campaign?), the community hall has for years been the centre for many of the clubs and organisations operating within the Park.

A fire severely damaged the building three years ago, but it has now been rebuilt to modern standards and in its six months of return to operation has hosted many events and parties.

Apart from these major areas of activity, the GPCA continues to play an important role in looking after the overall and sometimes individual interests of residents. Working with Woking Borough Council, which invested in the redevelopment of the community hall, the GPCA represents the interests of its residents in continued liaison with the council, ensuring that developments in the Park take into account local concerns. Planning applications, including the development of the shopping and commercial areas, are monitored and residents' views are taken to the council. For example, if it had not been for the tireless campaigning by the GPCA's Chair and members, the council would have removed the public toilet in the recreation ground and not replaced it.

GPCA Chair Irene Watson says: "While it is important to monitor and discuss the bigger development issues, we don't lose sight of the needs of individual residents and from time to time have been able to help. Every resident is important to us, and every resident is a member of the GPCA."



## 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 nominate and vote for Officers of the Association's Committee.

The Chair (Irene Watson), Vice Chair (Paul Davies) and Treasurer (Peter Hill) are all prepared to stand for election again but the Secretary (Jenny Ingoe) is standing down.

To make a nomination, please complete the nomination form and return it to the Chairman at 37 Willomeand Close, Woking GU21 3DN or email your nominations to [chair@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk](mailto:chair@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk) by Friday, 13th November 2015.

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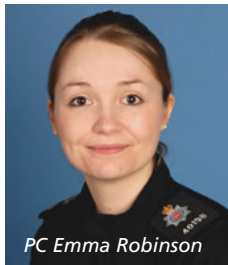
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PC Emma Robinson



## Have a safe and enjoyable Bonfire Night

By PC Emma Robinson

Please be reassured that Surrey Police will again be working with its partners on Bonfire Night to ensure that last year's drop in anti-social behaviour is maintained.

There will be additional patrols throughout Surrey to make it clear to potential troublemakers that criminal offences will not be tolerated.

Follow this advice to stay safe on Bonfire Night:

- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light at arm's length using a taper
- Stand well back
- Once a firework has been lit NEVER go back – even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Keep pets indoors

### Keeping your home secure

Woking has seen an increase in Burglaries in recent months, now that the darker evenings are drawing in.

A burglary at home is distressing and can have an impact on the whole family. Please keep your doors secured, even when at home.

- Don't leave valuables on display
- Fit a burglar alarm and set it when leaving the home
- Leave a light on when you're out of the property, so that it looks occupied.
- Please report any suspicious behaviour to Surrey Police on 999.

The Goldsworth Park Team will continue to work on issues affecting the local community. If you have any issues that you wish to raise, call 101 or attend our next Panel Meeting, in December. A date will be published soon and displayed on our website.

[www.surrey.police.uk/woking/wkgh](http://www.surrey.police.uk/woking/wkgh)

## Engage launches Christmas gift scheme

Many local schoolchildren will be familiar with school visits by Engage. Now the Goldsworth Park-based Christian charity has launched a fundraising "virtual" Christmas Gift Scheme.

Engage provides school assemblies and storytelling sessions in primary schools, and services including mentoring and chaplaincy in secondary schools and Woking College.

Choosing a virtual gift, such as buying a costume or prop for assemblies, or paying the cost of mentoring a secondary school student, will help Engage's work. The charity will provide a certificate recognising each gift, for the donor to give to a family member, friend or loved one.

For details and a copy of a Gift Leaflet, call Engage on 01483 762424, email [office@engagewoking.org](mailto:office@engagewoking.org), or visit its office within St Andrew's Church at Goldsworth Park Centre.



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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.

October 1st marked the beginning of the Pike season on the lake. Within days of the start, a number of good-sized fish, up to 15lbs or so, were recorded. With much larger fish present, catches are sure to improve as temperatures fall during the winter months. As the water cools, we should also see the end of the algal bloom that has blighted the scene for so much of the summer. We will be checking oxygen levels as the algae sinks and rots off. Next spring, we will add more barley straw to the water in the hope that we won't have a recurrence.

From October 1st, anglers can purchase a half-price half-season permit to fish the lake; perfect timing for a spot of winter "piking" – as the water cools and clears, these "big-uns" will be on the munch. Or maybe it is those big winter roach and perch that take your fancy. No need to book; just come on down, have a cast – daylight hours only – and one of our bailiffs will pop around to issue a day or half-season permit.

A few weeks ago, a pair of rather cute little ducks, one white and one black with a white bib, appeared on the lake. They are clearly domesticated and very tame; so tame we worry for their safety. I have contacted the RSPCA in the hope of discovering a report of missing ducks, but no joy. If anyone has any idea where they came from, please call me, the Council or the GPCA. With so many foxes, dogs and cats on the park, if we don't hear from their rightful owners within the next



Photo: Malcolm Head

couple of weeks, we will consider moving them to a safer pond.

From cute ducks to not-so-cute rats – despite the best efforts of the Council and their pest-control teams, rats are still a big problem around the lake. Bait stations are in use but seem to have little effect on rat numbers. We will be meeting with the Council shortly to discuss other ways of dealing with the problem but, in the meantime, we must all do what we can to discourage them by not

feeding then inadvertently while feeding the birds. May I remind you not to throw food on the ground – only onto the water – and not bread, please; corn or pellets are much healthier for the ducks and swans and are less likely to attract the rats. NO FOOD = NO RATS.

At present, there are a number of swans on the lake, so territorial skirmishes will happen. One rather handsome male finds it safer to spend much of the time on the bank near the children's play area. He is very friendly and quite harmless but as soon as he enters the water, the others attack. I hope he will soon fly off and find somewhere he will be accepted but until then, if you pass him, give him a wide berth and, if you have a dog, put it on the lead.

And finally, in early October, a number of our anglers got together for an autumn tidy-up round the lake, trimming overhanging branches and cutting back some of the reeds beside the platforms. Hopefully, in the coming weeks, they will top-dress the platforms with woodchips, helping to keep our park a pleasurable place to be. Thanks, guys.

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

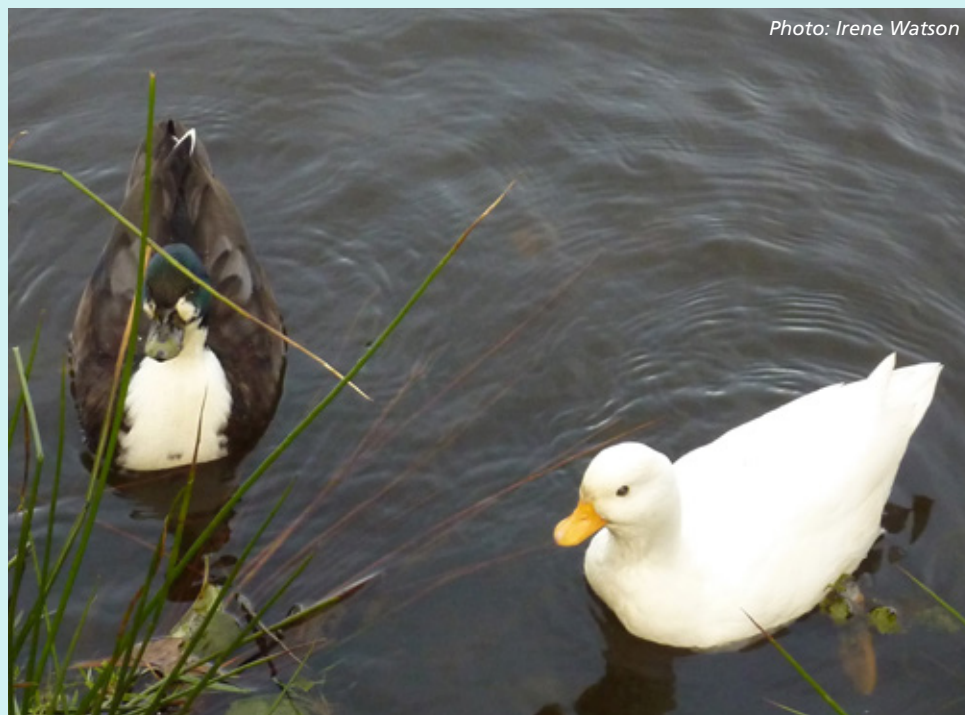


Photo: Irene Watson

# COUNCIL NEWS

## Local gardeners win awards

Goldsworth Park gardeners and growers were among the winners at the recent annual Woking in Bloom and Allotment Awards, held at HG Wells Conference and Events Centre. They received their prizes at a special presentation evening, attended by the Mayor of Woking, Cllr Derek McCrum. Prizes for the winners and runners-up included garden centre gift tokens and trophies.

Goldsworth Park winners included Michael Bliganut, who took second place in the Best Front Garden class, sponsored by Squires Garden Centre.

Brockhill Sheltered Housing Scheme was third in the Best-Kept Community (Shared) Garden category. The award for Best New Entrant, sponsored by Squires Garden Centre, was Neil Baldwin.

In the Tunis Cup for Best Allotment Site in Woking Borough, the Goldsworth Park Allotment Association took third place. In second place for the Benstead Scroll for best cultivated plot by someone over 70 years old was Mr J Arkinstall, and third in the same category was Mr R Clare, also of Goldsworth Park Allotments.

In the Leam Challenge Shield for best newly cultivated plot, Ms C Lawrance, Goldsworth Park Allotments, was Joint 2nd.

## Keep warm and save money

There are still more than 200 grants of £5,000 available for Woking residents to assist them in the installation of solid wall insulation. This announcement was made following a grant to an Old Woking householder. After a Green Deal Assessment of the home, arranged by Action Surrey, the resident was provided with recommendations on how to improve his home's energy efficiency, and saved more than £200 a year on his energy bills by installing solid wall insulation. Financial assistance from Streets Ahead, which covered almost all of the cost, meant that he only had to contribute a few hundred pounds.

The grants are based on the construction of your home, which will only be eligible if half of the walls are suitable for solid wall insulation. To contact Streets Ahead today, call 0333 014 3620 or visit [www.actionsurrey.org/streetsahead](http://www.actionsurrey.org/streetsahead)

## Ladies, boost your digital business skills

One hundred Surrey women are being offered the chance to become digital entrepreneurs so they can set up new businesses or transform existing ones. Surrey County Council has secured funding from the Women and Broadband Challenge Fund to train 10 women as digital coaches, who will in turn each train 10 more women to boost their digital skills. The initiative is known as Surrey Wise (Women in the Superfast Economy). For more information, contact Hannah Power at [enquiries@surreywise.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@surreywise.co.uk) or call 07795 388265.

## Rich history recognised

More than 250 people flocked to this year's Surrey Heritage Showcase, which featured advice on creating a family tree and activities for children. The event in Shere gave those attending the chance to learn more about the rich history of the village and the surrounding area.

Experts from Surrey History Centre were on hand to give advice and guidance on tracing family histories and preserving old documents and photos, while children had the chance to take part in a mini-archaeological dig to discover the thrill of unearthing historic gems.

## Better deals saved Surrey more than £8m

Striking better deals has seen the county council save Surrey taxpayers more than £8m in just six months. The savings have been generated by renegotiating contracts with the likes of IT businesses, building firms and transport companies.

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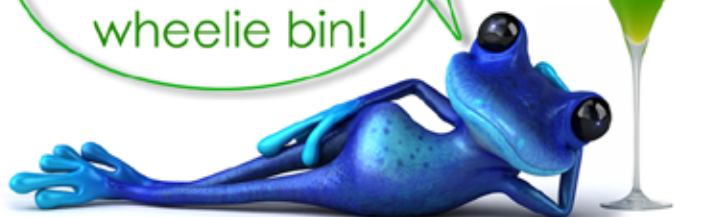
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