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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 7.30pm on Tuesday, 10th May 2016. 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.

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Views from the Chair



This month, we are celebrating the anniversary of the reopening of the Community Hall following the fire and a major refit. I still meet people who are unaware that the Hall is available for bookings once more so, on Saturday, 23rd April, we are going to provide another opportunity for folk to visit and have a look around. We are combining this with our "thank you" get-together for the volunteers who deliver this magazine. Do come along and meet us.

In the last issue, I asked for a volunteer to take the minutes at GPCA meetings and I am pleased to say that we now have one. We are now looking for someone to coordinate the magazine as our editor is moving away, and for deliverers to replace those who are giving up. Come along on 23rd April to discuss how you can support the GPCA.

In other "follow-ups" from the last issue, I have no further news on the Council's Master Landscape Plan for the Recreation Ground but Surrey CC is consulting on parking restrictions in Claydon Road and Horsell Birch. I have heard from the Managing Agent for the Shopping Centre; you will have seen that the guttering is being replaced (at last) and the Managing Agent tells me that their building surveyor is currently obtaining quotations for the replacement playground equipment, which should be installed shortly after the guttering work is completed. I am still pushing for action on the uneven paving in the courtyard. The Managing Agent is also going to discuss our request for additional disabled parking with the landlord of the Shopping Centre next week; I hope to have news soon.

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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"After three years as our editor, Jeremy Hodge is moving out of the area. Jeremy has done a brilliant job in bringing together a team of volunteers to produce Goldsworth News," says Irene Watson, chair of the Goldsworth Park Community Association.

Most of his tasks have been handed off to this large team but we have three important roles still to fill. We need someone to look after the editor's email account, someone to cut down the articles to fit in the magazine and someone to arrange meetings between the volunteers and keep things ticking along to deadline. If you are interested and want to learn what's involved, give us a call on 01483 714096 and we can give you simple instructions and Jeremy's number to discuss them.

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Wolf Ehlers

It is with much sorrow that we announce that Wolf Ehlers passed away on 13th February 2016. Wolf was a regular at GPCA meetings and kept a close eye on the management and maintenance of the shopping centre on behalf of the

Association. He was also the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for Goldsworth Park until his health deteriorated. We will miss him. Our thoughts go out to his widow, Anne, and his family.

January GPCA meeting highlights: draught beers boost bar takings; more dog trouble around the lake; residents' views on Master landscape plan

The Community Hall – Though bookings with bars were slow, there had been good takings from these bookings of between £900 and £1,500. Availability of draught beer was a significant selling point for the Hall. With the new keg-chiller, beer could be kept for longer periods. A booking had been taken as far ahead as New Year 2017 and it was noted that it was important to confirm online bookings with the hall manager.

After an absence of more than two years, it was felt that the public were still not aware that the Community Hall was open and refurbished to a high standard that compared favourably with other halls in the area. To promote the hall, the facility would be added to the WBC list of halls for hire and the website be updated with new images. A "birthday" open day was considered plus a feature article for the local press celebrating a year of being open. In comparison with other community halls in the Woking area, charges were competitive but needed to be kept under review.

Communications – It was reported that a couple of emails had been received which commended the changes to the magazine but there were comments about the content and its lack of attractiveness to younger people. Efforts should continue to encourage the local schools and youth organisations to contribute. (There's room for ideas and stories from younger contributors – Ed.)

Dog trouble – A recent incident with aggressive dogs is the subject of a police investigation. The possibility of changing the bye-laws to require owners to keep dogs on leads at all times in the public park area was discussed. In the case of threatening dogs, the police should be notified.

Planning – WBC advised that the Master Landscape Plan has been redesigned to reflect the residents' comments, particularly regarding the location of the two new football pitches. When the proposals have been seen by the relevant Councillors, they will go to the users' group and be available for wider consultation.



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 the space. We will include your name and road unless you ask us not to do so.

Dear Editor

I was very interested in Royer Slater's article on page 9 of the January/February issue. It reminded me of this poem.

Kind regards,

Lynda Jones, Kenton Way

Smiling is Infectious, By an unknown author

Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the 'flu
When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too
I walked around the corner
And someone saw my grin
When he smiled I realised
I had passed it on to him
I thought about the smile
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1pm, Saturday 2nd April

Alzheimer's Society 1940s tea dance

8pm, Wednesday 6th April

The King's Men concert

1pm, Thursday 21st April

Hospices' afternoon tea & riverboat cruise

2pm-5pm, Saturday 23rd April

Hall open viewing

7:30pm, Tuesday 10th May

GPCA meeting

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NEWS

St Andrew's young people take on charity baking marathon

Twenty five young people from St Andrew's Church took part in a 21-hour cake bake in February to raise money for Tearfund's No Child Taken campaign.

The young people aged from 10 to 18 made tasty treats, including shortbreads, chocolate-chip cookies, Victoria sponges and cupcakes.

Baking began at 11am on the Saturday and continued in shifts until 8am on Sunday," explained Ed Stokes, youth pastor. "The No Child Taken campaign tackles the causes of child trafficking and slavery across the world. It's the fastest growing crime in the world and affects 1.2m children a year."

Those who weren't able buy cakes made by the young people during the Bake-a-Thon can make a donation online: www.justgiving.com/StAndrewsBig-Bake.



St Andrew's young people take on charity baking marathon.
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More classrooms at Sythwood Primary School to meet growing demand



Sythwood Primary School has been working with Surrey CC to ensure adequate provision for the growing number of children in the local community headteacher Sue Tresilian told a public meeting in January.

Currently, there are 590 places in the school and nursery, which means there is space for 620 children because many attend nursery part time. It has already gone from two-form entry to three-form entry and, as the children progress through the school, a total of 720 places will be needed.

To accommodate this growth in pupil numbers, the school hopes to open a new two-storey building in October 2016, with six classrooms that will be home to three Year 5 and three Year 6 classes. The development will allow the school to use its existing space

more effectively, making classrooms bigger where possible and the 12 visually impaired children will gain a large new room.

Parking problems addressed

Neighbours of the school and people who travel along Sythwood by bus or car were concerned that more pupils will mean increased traffic and additional problems with parking. However, they were told that the development includes a further 25 parking places for teachers on site – at present, many park on the road. Traffic engineers, who have been monitoring school traffic, have been asked to consider: a drop-off slip road like the one at Beaufort School or a lay-by; restarting the “walking bus” from the shopping-centre car park; speaking to other organisations nearby about sharing their parking spaces.



1. LAKERS Megan Rogers receives her award from Matt Calvert (The David Tilley Foundation) for participation in the Africa Project
2. LAKERS Marcus Afonso Martin receiving his Young Person of the Year award from Cllr Colin Kemp
3. LAKERS Katrina Georghiou (right) receiving her won Role Model of the Year award from Jan Smith, Community Youth Work Service Manager

Lakers Youth Centre in Goldsworth Park celebrated its young people's achievements at its third annual Awards Evening

The awards recognise their participation in activities, trips and projects organised and delivered by Lakers. The evening also celebrates young peoples' contributions to the youth centre, as voted for by their peers.

The programme for the evening was developed, organised and delivered by the young people, supported by youth workers. In addition to the presentations of over 80 certificates, it included a quiz, raffle, performances and an auction of artwork. All the money raised will be used to buy equipment for Lakers.

Matt Calvert of the David Tilley Foundation presented certificates to

Megan Rogers, Katrina Georghiou, Gina Marie Munday, Jay Haller, Megan Billen and Justyna Stachula, who volunteered at a school in Tanzania for two weeks in August 2015.

The Young Person of the Year 2016 award winner was Marcus Afonso Martin, awarded for his achievements and contributions to Lakers Youth Centre, Woking Youth Council and Surrey Youth Collective.

The Volunteer of the Year winner was Gina Marie Munday, while Katrina Georghiou won Role Model of the Year.

Four young leaders at Lakers were recognised for completing of their Level 2 youth work course through Woking Borough Council: Gina Marie Munday, Megan Rogers, Katrina Georghiou and Zach Ward. Gina and Katrina have secured assistant youth work positions within the Woking Youth Work Team.



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By Lorraine Weedon, Marketing and Communications Manager



Love Your Hospice and support our New Build Appeal

By Lorraine Weedon

The building site for the new Hospice in Denton Way is starting to take shape, with the main grounds work completed in readiness for the extensions. Things are now starting to go up, rather than come down!

At the time of writing this, we are working on a launch event which will take place in Woking Town Centre at the end of February. Local community groups and individuals will entertain the crowds, and Michael Aspel, Co-president of the Appeal, will launch the campaign to Love Your Hospice and support our New Build Appeal.

Because our hospice care is at the heart of the community and our buildings are at the heart of the care we provide across Surrey, we have decided upon a heart theme for our New Build Appeal Campaign. The brightly coloured logo consists of 4 jigsaw pieces, each representing one of the four areas of care we provide – on the ward, in the home, wellbeing and family support – all of which will be improved when the project is completed in 2017.

We have delivered hearts to residents around Surrey on which messages of support can be written and sent to us to be displayed in the new hospice building; you may have received one yourself. You can wear a heart pin badge, or you can meet our Appeal Mascot, who is a 6ft tall walking version of the heart! We know that our Hospices are places filled with love; from staff, patients and families inside them, and the heart also represents that love, as we ask people to tell us what they love about their Hospice and what they will love about the new Hospice once the build is complete.

With the loan facility from Woking Borough Council, pledges from Trusts and Foundations, businesses and high-net-worth individuals, we have now secured the first 60% of the project costs. This leaves us with £3.4m still to find and this is the amount of money we will be asking our community to help us raise.

Please play your part in the future of hospice care in your local area and send us your love by making a donation. You will be supporting a hospice service designed to offer 21st-century care across Surrey that will benefit local people for generations to come.

To find out more, visit www.wsbhospices.co.uk/newbuild or call 01483 881750.

Lorraine Weedon
Marketing & Communications Manager

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Dino Gomez



Changes to policing in Goldsworth Park

Those of you who came to the Police Panel on 15th December 2015 will know that there are going to be changes in the way that Woking and the whole of Surrey are policed.

Surrey Police say that crime is changing.

Over the last three years, there has been a substantial increase in reports of child sexual exploitation, domestic abuse and cybercrime. Hospitals account for many of the calls for help and more than half of crimes involve a vulnerable victim, witness or offender. In the same time period, reports of house burglaries and theft from cars have fallen significantly. Couple this with the need to save £25m over the next four years, a re-balancing of our policing service is necessary to protect the vulnerable and tackle the changing risks, threats and harm communities face.

The effect on Goldsworth Park is that the PCs and Sergeant who were part of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams will be moving to a larger, Borough-wide response team to facilitate a more flexible response to calls from across the Borough. When

we need to send an officer, in most cases they will now be able to deal with your case from start to finish so you will get a better service and a better investigation. In addition, they will be equipped with technology so they will not need to waste valuable time by going back to base to find out information, fill out forms, etc.

Knowing how much you value visible local policing, Goldsworth Park will continue to have a dedicated PCSO – Dino Gomez – who will work with Woking Borough Council and other partners to make your community safer.

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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.

It seems our winters of late have been blighted by gales and heavy rain, causing havoc for so many – flooding, travel disruption and all that comes with it; better than snow, I guess. Our hearts go out to those less fortunate than ourselves here in the south of the country. But it is not only we humans who have to cope with all that nature throws at us; spare a thought for the wildlife. Although many small animals and birds lose the battle for life, others find ways to survive in the harshest of conditions – life goes on.

There is one bird in particular that stands out from the crowd when it comes to capitalising on the situation and that is the cormorant. Once considered to be a coastal sea-bird, they are now a common sight on inland waters as, in stormy weather, they move onto still waters such as Goldsworth Park Lake. These large, black, fish-munching birds are often seen perching on boats or posts in or near the water, with their wings spread out in the breeze, drying off after a feeding session. You may be forgiven for thinking that we are privileged to see these elegant visitors to our lake but there is a huge price to pay for their presence.

When our coasts are battered by storms, it is almost impossible for sea birds like the cormorant to find food, so our still, inland waters provide a perfect “larder” for them to plunder; anglers and water conservationists worry about the damage that these birds



Photo: Mike Collard

can do to fish stocks. Capable of consuming their own bodyweight in a day, cormorants in numbers can decimate fish stocks in a very short time, leaving a body of water devoid of life. It has been noted that, throughout much of January and February, the lake has had small groups of cormorants coming in to feed every day. Fortunately, it being a very public area, most do not stay long, but I have no doubt that we will have lost a number

of small fish to these invaders. Admire the cormorant if you will but, each time the weather takes a turn for the worse, spare a thought for the unsuspecting fish which play an important role in nature’s finely balanced ecosystem.

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.

An introduction to...

Goldsworth Care

by Michael Farlam

Yes, I know we have written lots of stories about Goldsworth Care in the past, but things change, people ‘retire’ or move on or can’t continue to help for a variety of reasons, so there is always a need to look for more help.

As a ‘good neighbour scheme’ Goldsworth Care is set up to do just that – care. That might mean driving someone to a hospital or doctors’ appointment, take a client shopping or to the hairdressers. All the sort of things most of us can do without a problem. But for Goldsworth Park residents without transport, or perhaps not quite well enough to manage for themselves, the driver volunteers are lifesavers.

But it’s not all driving. One volunteer said he had been asked to change a light bulb – and had done so. Another took a client to the

theatre whilst a third had helped with form filling. So many services these days need a mass of forms and they can be daunting, particularly if your eyesight is not too good. A lot of people are just plain lonely and might want someone to chat to for a while or even walk the dog.

How does it all work? Volunteers take in turns (two hours at a time) to man the phone and take requests for help. There is a list of other volunteers ready to assist. So given enough notice it is just a matter of putting the right person in touch with the client. The group does not charge fixed fees, but donations are welcomed.

As I said at the start, people move on, so we are always looking to recruit new volunteers. If you have time, and want to help other Goldsworth Park residents, give us a call on 07751 801587, our help-line available Monday-Friday, 10am -12noon.

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Planning applications

Goldsworth Park Community Association, acting on behalf of residents, has objected to two planning applications. The first (PLAN/2015/1441) was to build two three-bedroom houses on the small piece of land behind Waitrose, which was objected to on the grounds that the area is not allocated for housing and that trees on the land are covered by a Preservation Order. The plan would result in the removal of some of the few trees in Goldsworth Park, would add to the density of building development and could result in problems with deliveries and parking.

The second (PLAN/2015/1330) was from Waitrose to install outdoor seating and new advertising banners in the courtyard at the shopping centre. The GPCA objected to the application on the grounds that with the earlier planning consent for outdoor seating for a Costa Coffee Shop and the new play equipment in the courtyard (Plan 2015/00020), Waitrose's proposals would severely hinder movement along the walkway, particularly for wheelchair users and parents/carers with pushchairs, and adversely affect access to the other shops.

People of Woking to walk and run themselves proud for Sport Relief

Woking is set to host its fifth Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile in Goldsworth Park on Sunday 20 March, and invites local people to come together to raise life-changing money for Sport Relief now at www.sportrelief.com.

Open to all to walk or run, from little ones with their mums and dads to runners up against the clock, there's something for everyone.

Or take part in the Swimathon at Woking's Pool in the Park between 18th and 20th March. Entrants can choose to complete 1, 3 or 6 miles, or take on the Swimathon challenge – individually or in a team of between two and five people – over 1.5km, 2.5km or 5km.

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