



The debate goes on

Controversy over the Council's proposal to create two more junior football pitches on the recreation ground continues unabated. Those against the proposal highlight the proximity of the pitches to dwellings and argue that the remaining piece of open land in the recreation ground, which they call the North Meadow, should be kept for the benefit of residents and the flora and fauna. Those in favour of the proposal talk of meeting the needs of the hundreds of children who play football and point out that marking out two junior pitches will not prevent people using the area most of the time.

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GPCA MEETINGS

The meetings of the Community Association are held at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday in alternate months in the Community Hall at Goldwater Lodge. The next meeting is on 12th July 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.

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



On Saturday 23rd April we held our "thank you" get-together for the volunteers who deliver this magazine and invited residents to drop in for tea, cakes and to look round the hall if they had not visited since it re-opened a year ago. There was a good turn-out, plenty of chat and SingGold, the community choir, led a sing-song of some old favourites.

I am pleased to say that we had a good response to our call for more volunteers to deliver this magazine – although we are always on the lookout for more. However, we are still looking for someone to work with the editorial team to coordinate the production of the magazine. Please get in touch with me if you are interested.

On 19th April, I met a group of people in hi-viz jackets with bin bags and grabbers walking from the lake towards the shops. Always interested in what is going on, I asked who they were and what they were doing. They told me they were from Costa Coffee doing a litter pick as their contribution to the community before they opened on 28th. I thought "What a good way to start"; I hope they can keep on top of the litter that so often comes with take-away coffee.

Things seem to be really moving in the shopping centre now – Costa Coffee is open, the guttering is complete and seems to have coped with recent downpours, and the new play equipment is being installed - I am still hopeful for some work on the paving.

This month, we are featuring the Salvation Army in our series about the organisations in Goldsworth Park. If you belong to an organisation that you would like to see profiled, do let us know.

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 at chair@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk.

Irene Watson, GPCA Chairman

The arguments can be put on hold for a few months; the Council has informed the GPCA that work to install two additional junior pitches will be postponed until the outcome of a review of its Playing Pitch Strategy, identifying future needs for the borough as a whole, has been published, hopefully in July. The review will involve consultations with a variety of partners and National Governing Bodies on future club development needs and mapped against the future demographic needs for the borough. The conclusions of the report will specify how many and of what level of facility provision will be needed in the way of playing pitches to meet future demands. If there appears to be a shortfall in existing provision, the Council will look at its own land, including Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground, as well as whether they could use local school facilities or any suitable third party land when deciding on future provision. Once there is an agreed position on the football pitches, the Council will then update and progress the plans for the wider improvements proposed for Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground.

The GPCA recognises the arguments on both sides and hopes that a solution can be found that satisfies everyone. What do our readers think?



WSBH Midnight Walk, Mercedes Benz World
from 8pm Friday 20th May 2016

David Rohl Lecture 7.30pm Tuesday 24th May 2016

St Andrews Church Children's Holiday Club
10am – 3pm Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd June 2016

Knaphill Flower Festival 9am – 6pm Saturday 11th June 2016
11.30am – 3.30pm Sunday 12th June 2016

Goldsworth Park Rangers FC Tournament & Fun Festival
Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th June 2016

Surrey Artists' Open Studios (SAOS) 11am – 5pm Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th June 2016
11am – 5pm Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th June 2016

WSBH Dragon Boat Challenge 10am – 4pm Sunday 3rd July 2016

GPCA Meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 12th July 2016

WHAT'S ON?

EVENTS IN DETAIL

The David Rohl Lecture

7pm on Tuesday 24th May 2016

Horsell Evangelical Church, High Street, Horsell GU21 4SZ

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Knaphill Flower Festival

9am – 6pm on Saturday 11th June and 11.30am to 3.30pm on Sunday 12th June 2016

Knaphill Methodist Church, The Broadway, Knaphill

Celebrating 150 years of Methodism in Knaphill, there will be a special service at 10am on Sunday 12th and the Festival will close at 4pm with a Songs of Praise service.

Woking & Sam Beare Hospices Dragon Boat Challenge and Fun Day

10am – 4pm on Sunday 3rd July at Goldsworth Park Lake

See teams race against each other and the clock to raise funds for the Hospices, and enjoy the fun activities taking place around the lake; there's something for everyone including a bouncy castle, ice cream, Pimm's tent, BBQ, face painting, games, entertainment and more.

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Letters

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to feature every one and may need to edit it to fit the space.

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

In Memory of Wolf Ehlers

Thank you all for your very kind words and cards following Wolf's passing. It meant a great deal to us, his family, to know that he was so widely appreciated in the community and made such an impact on all those he met. Donations to The British Heart Foundation came to £250 and these were sent to the Foundation on 11th April in memory of Wolf. Even though he's gone, every day it rains we will think of Wolf crying because he can't be with us, but when the sun shines we will think of Wolf smiling with us.

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Goldsworth Park Rangers Football Club – Statement

Further to recent news on various web sites and local Newspapers, GPRFC are disappointed to learn of the petition by a few local residents to vote against the Council's proposal to add a further two junior sized football pitches at Goldsworth Park.

The Club fully respects their opinion and decision to sign this petition but with a strong Community Club, with over 400 playing members, over 50 qualified volunteers, hundreds of parents and helpers, looking after many teams, we remain upbeat as to the future of a successful registered Charity in the Community.

The Committee will continue to work closely with the local authorities, the FA, and all other governing bodies to provide the best facilities we can for our children to enjoy playing football in a safe and friendly environment.

All recent conversations and meetings with the local Council have been positive and news that the Club's annual Fun Festival will be fully supported by them was gratefully received by Club Officials.

Furthermore, the Club will soon announce our very special guest at the Tournament, which has already attracted over 150 teams, competing over the weekend of 11th -12th June 2016

Andy Morgan

Club Secretary

Tel: 07710 947571

An Introduction to The Salvation Army

by Malcolm Head



We all know what the Sally Army does, don't we? It plays music in the streets at holiday time and at Christmas, takes the tea van round to wherever it's needed and hands out *The War-Cry* in pubs.

There is a little more to it than that. To give you an idea, the members help children and families through nurseries, schools and college resources, clubs and summer camps, community activities and youth groups.

They provide support for the homeless, human trafficking and domestic violence victims and look out for the elderly. Their family reuniting services are acknowledged to be one of the best in the country. If you are searching for a lost member of your family, your first try should be salvationarmy.org.uk/familytracing. Their success rate is quite astounding.

And all this is right on our doorstep, on the Park at the Centre on Sythwood. The new Corps Leader is Major John Martin and the Community Manager is Amanda McLoughlin. There is a packed programme every week. The Community Church meets on Sundays at 11am; Teddy Toddlers are toddling on Mondays from 10.00am – 11.45am; the CAMEO Club (Come And Meet Each Other) runs on Wednesdays from 11am – 12pm with talks, singing and other activities; also on Wednesday, stay for lunch at the Lunch Club from 12.15pm – a two-course meal and a hot drink for £3.50. In the autumn, hopefully, there will be a Family morning on the first Saturday of each month in the Messy Church, in conjunction with St Andrews. Never be lonely again.



If this were not enough, the church also acts as a satellite to the Trussell Trust in the High Street, Woking, a hub for all the food banks in the area *and* runs the charity shop in Horsell High Street.

01483 793704. www.salvationarmy.org.uk/woking or just call in and see for yourself.

Life on the Park

With the increasing numbers of cars parked on the roads throughout the day, bus drivers are having to improve their slalom skills. It is particularly difficult when drivers park their cars right up to the line at bus-stops. Come on ladies and gents. Give them a bit of room to manoeuvre – and hold back at junctions to give them space to swing around. They are usually very grateful.

If there is anything you would like to say about life on the park, email editor@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk

Art trailblazers lead the way

Goldsworth Park artist Elaine Winter is among five artists and designers from Woking and Horsell opening their studios to visitors in June.

This is their first local art trail and is part of the annual Surrey Artists' Open Studios (SAOS) scheme. The trail will give visitors an opportunity to view the unique work of two glass artists and three painters, in home studios that are all located conveniently near one another and open on the weekends of June 11th - 12th and 19th - 20th from 11am - 5pm daily.

The artists have their own very different styles. Elaine Winter, new member of SAOS this year, loves colour, shape and texture which she incorporates in her paintings, pen-and-ink drawings and watercolours. A hairdresser by day, her top passions are painting, drawing and the creative arts. Her designs range from bright, bold abstract pieces to detailed monochrome cats.

Go to the Goldsworth Park website for the full story, details of all artists and their studio addresses



Chair Pilates – now that's a bit different

These specially designed Pilates classes are for everyone, but they do provide a great opportunity for the more senior, the less mobile, the wheel chair user and others to work on their posture, mobility, fitness levels and flexibility.

Local Pilates teacher, Bea Somer, who takes the classes says 'When mobility is a problem, it really is important to have some form of exercise and chair Pilates provides a safe and gentle way of getting people moving.'

The classes take place at The Vyne, Broadway, Knaphill, Woking on Wednesday mornings from 11am -12noon. The cost is just £5 per session. Bea can be contacted on 07941 220815.

Free hearing aid service has busiest month

A free monthly hearing aid maintenance service which has operated on Goldsworth Park for 18 months had its busiest-ever session on 6th April.

"We had 42 attending the clinic for hearing aid re-tubing and advice, with an additional 14 swapping batteries making 56 in all," said Barry Nay, co-ordinator of the service for NHS hearing aids users.

Each month on the first Wednesday, NHS-trained volunteers from local churches provide re-tubing, battery replacement and general maintenance for NHS aids in St Andrew's Church at Goldsworth Park Centre. "There's no need to make an appointment," explained Barry. "Hearing aid users can call in any time between 1pm and 3pm at the church's Coffee Shop café. They should bring their brown NHS book."

St Andrew's Church is located between the health centre and the shops at Goldsworth Park Centre.



COUNCIL NEWS

Keep your dog on a lead round Goldsworth Park Lake – the information and by-law signs state that, where signposted, dogs must be kept on leads. Signs have been put up informing dog walkers that their dogs **MUST** be kept on leads round the lake and within 25m of it. This is to ensure that dog excrement is picked up, to protect wildlife, to reduce the nuisance to other visitors and anglers, and to protect dogs from the potential risk of infection or injury in the lake. Contact **Tom Onions, Animal Warden** on **01483 743652** or email tom.onions@woking.gov.uk

Drop-in centre opens for people with mental health issues – the Safe Haven Service, a new cafe-style drop-in centre to help people with mental health issues, has officially opened at the Marjorie Richardson Centre in Woking.

Beware – Caterpillars on the march – Residents are being advised to be vigilant after the discovery of oak processionary moth caterpillars in Surrey. If you see them or their nests, report to either: Forestry Commission on **0300 0674442**, email opm@forestry.gsi.gov.uk or Woking Borough Council's Arboricultural Officer on **01483 755855** or email tree.preservation@woking.gov.uk

Calling all parents – free training sessions for Surrey Youth Games – Would your child like to try a fun new activity? The P&G Surrey Youth Games offers free coaching across a range of different sports at venues across the borough. For details of how to register, visit www.woking.gov.uk/syg or contact Woking Borough Council's Sports Development Officer, Matt Glazier on **01483743804** or matt.glazier@woking.gov.uk

Any old family pictures or letters about the Great War? – People with stories or photographs of Surrey in the Great War are being asked to help create a lasting digital memorial to the county's role during the conflict on a new website.

Football tournament to commemorate Battle of the Somme centenary – Surrey Fire and Rescue Service will join teams from across Europe in July for a day of football to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of the Somme and raise tens of thousands of pounds for charity.

For details on these stories go to Goldsworth Park Community Association website.

Fitness for all

The promised outdoor gym equipment has arrived. It is situated near the children's play area so we could have two-generation fun now. While the children are enjoying the play things, parents can keep an eye on them without being forced to sit around doing nothing!



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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.

Spring – the season we all look forward to after all those short dull days of winter, and it has to be noted that this last winter was a bit of a funny one, wind and rain followed by, yes – you guessed it, more wind and rain; no prolonged cold periods, just the odd frost here and there. Mind you we should have saved a few quid on the heating bills which is a nice bonus.

As a consequence of such mild conditions, wildlife – both flora and fauna - have also benefited. It seems that everything has jumped forward a month, flowers blooming, bees buzzing, butterflies fluttering. I'm writing this in early April, hoping that we are not hit by a late cold snap.

Many of our garden birds have already got young families to feed and the waterfowl on the lake are weeks ahead of themselves; most are sitting on eggs with chicks due any day now and even a pair of swans have been busy nest building. Let's hope they have more success than last year.

So next time you take a stroll round the lake or any rural space take a moment to look, watch and listen, you may be privileged to see something truly amazing.



Growing your own!

Growing your own vegetables and fruit has never been more popular as it is now. The two nearest allotment organisations to Goldsworth Park are Horsell Allotment Association which operates both Horsell Allotments in Bullbeggars Lane and Littlewick Allotments in Carthouse Lane. Knaphill Allotment Association runs the site known as Ryde Heron and is located in Creston Avenue.



Horsell allotments has over 180 plots across its two sites where a variety of vegetables, fruit and flowers are enthusiastically grown. They have a website and the address is www.horsellallots.wordpress.com. The Ryde Heron site has 109 plots and is a "self-managed" site by a management committee.

Regardless of whether you are an experienced or novice gardener an allotment can offer you more than you think! It can provide you with a new hobby, fresh home grown produce and, last but not least, exercise. In addition, allotment gardening allows you to have more control over the foods you are eating and, of course, it can save you money.

Due to their current popularity, both of the allotment sites are likely to have a waiting list so if you are thinking of having your own plot it is best to make contact with the associations as soon as possible – see below. Don't let a waiting list put you off. Plot changes do happen throughout the growing year so if your name is on the list you won't miss out and may not have to wait as long as you might expect!

Horsell Allotment Association – Mr D. Inns (Chairman) 01483 825358.

Knaphill Allotment Association – Mr M Garbutt (Membership Secretary)
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March GPCA meeting highlights

Healthy finances – In its first full year the Hall had made a major contribution to the GPCA's financial position. The cash position was healthy with £15,500 on deposit and £8,000 in the current account. Hall bookings had improved.

Anniversary party – A Hall open day and anniversary party has been scheduled for the 23rd April 2016, and would be combined with the "thank you" get-together for Goldsworth News deliverers.

Communications – Jeremy Hodge, who has resigned as editor of Goldsworth News, was thanked for his work by the committee. There was a need for a volunteer with editorial or journalism skills to coordinate the editorial team. The website, which is being updated, has recorded an increase in traffic.

Landscape plan – There was no further news on the Master Landscape Plan other than it no longer contained a cycling track and consequently, the two new football pitches could be relocated further away from the houses in Claydon Road.

Other items – A football tournament will be held in June, coinciding with the Queen's birthday celebrations on 12th June.

Waitrose shopping area roof maintenance now appeared to be complete.

For more information, visit the Goldsworth Park Community Association website or email chair@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk to be added to the mailing list.

News Hounds are blind and deaf unless you tell them where to go and what to look for.

You may have seen in the last edition next to the Chairman's article that, following editor Jeremy's departure, we have a new Editorial Team. Irene is retaining overall Editorship and if you have an article to submit please send it to editor@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk as usual.

If, however, you know of anything in which our readers might be interested but you haven't or don't want to write it yourself, send it to one of us and we will follow it up for you.

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Polar Explorers children's summer holiday club

Children from Goldsworth Park can sign up for two days of fun-filled, craft-crammed, bible-based activities this summer.

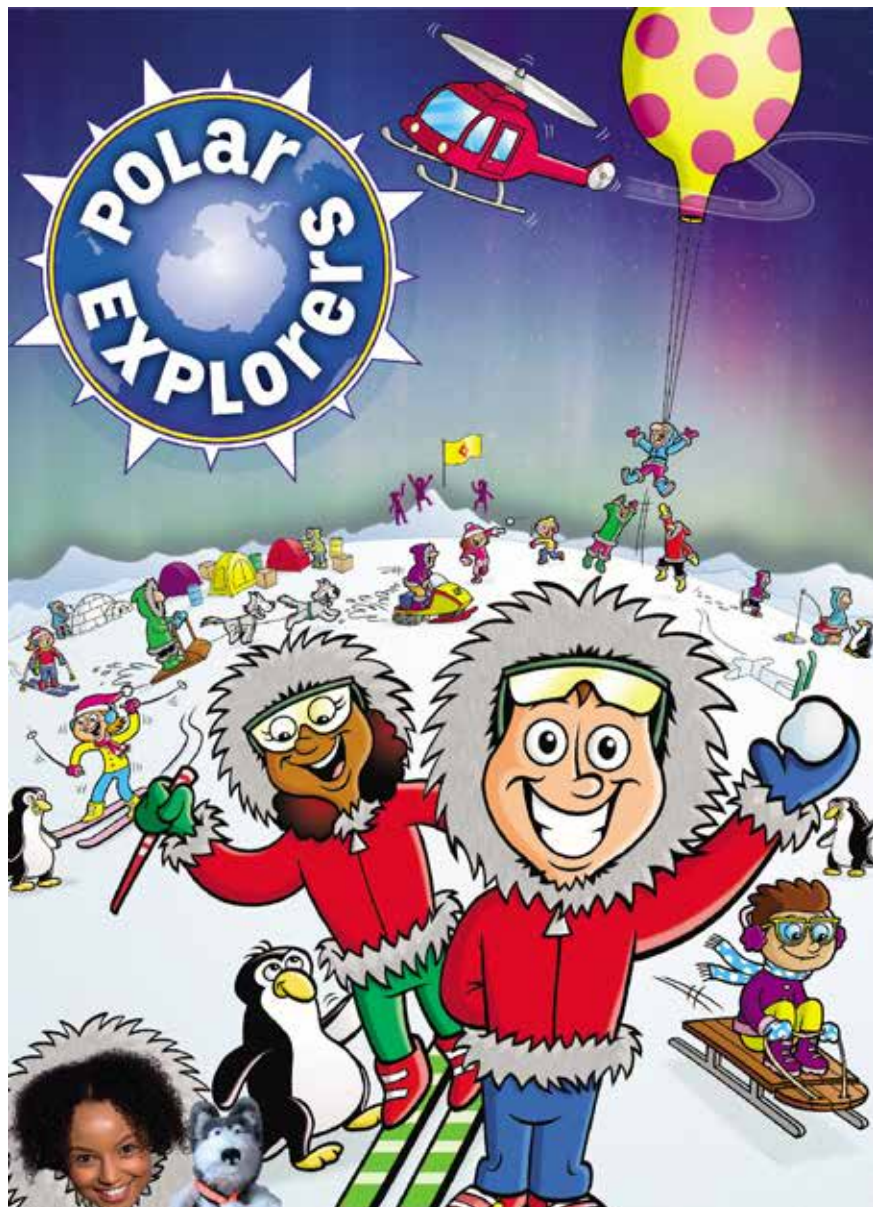


St Andrew's Church is running a "Polar Explorers" holiday club for children in school years from Reception to 6 (ages 5-11). "The children will be explorers who go on a mini-expedition each day and learn about a New Testament character," explained Karin Rayner, children's worker at St Andrew's. "Club hosts "Claire Grylls" and "Stanley Backshore" will help the young explorers to work out what essential kit and characteristics are needed for successful missions. There will be stories, songs and lots of fun."

The dates for diaries are Thursday and Friday, June 2nd – 3rd from 10am to 3pm, then on Sunday, June 5th from 10am to noon when parents and friends will see what the children have been doing all during a special Polar Explorers service, followed by a family BBQ. It all takes place at St Andrew's Church in Goldsworth Park Centre. The cost is £10 per child.

Registration Forms can be collected from the church office or downloaded from the church website: www.standrewsgwp.org. Places are limited and, if demand exceeds availability, places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, email children@standrewsgwp.org or call the Church Office on 01483 723879.



The King's Men entertain

A 15th anniversary concert by the King's Men, choral Scholars of King's College Cambridge, held at St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park, raised £4,000 for the Woking and Sam Beare hospices.

Organised by Mike and Rosie Lipscomb, in conjunction with Wendy Denty, community fundraiser for the hospices, the sell-out concert was followed by a repeat performance at Pirbright where a further £3,000 was raised.

Mike and Rosie have been organising the concerts in aid of the hospices for all of the 15 years - "a magnificent effort" says Wendy Denty. The fund raising was helped this year by sponsorship from the Runnymede Hospital. "And we shall be looking for more sponsors in the future" said Mike.

The King's Men functions separately from the main Choir of King's College, Cambridge, world- famous for its annual TV and radio broadcasts of "Carols from Kings".

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Boring Sundays?

by Malcolm Head

So you don't like football or hockey and you don't have a bike? What else is there to do on the Park after church? How are you on jogging? Not good, eh. Well, resist the temptation to dive into the Sunday Times puzzle page – you can do that when it's dark. Get out and see what other people are doing. You could have a go on the new outdoor gym equipment but you don't look good in a leotard. I know the feeling!

There is an answer. Walk 130 yards past the children's play area to the small headland in the lake and there you will find a group of people



thoroughly enjoying themselves 'simply messing about with boats', as opposed to in boats because these are the members of the Woking Radio Sailing Club (www.radiosailingwoking.uk). The term messing about is also a generic one because these chaps are a dedicated bunch. Races are started with an official countdown and with penalties for jumping the starting gun but satisfaction aplenty for the owner of the winning yacht. If you think you might be interested, visit their website and take it from there – or go and have a chat next Sunday.



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