

GPRFC Community Football Festival 2016

Goldsworth Park Rangers Football Club hosted its annual Community Football Festival at Goldsworth Park on the weekend of the 12th and 13th of June. In spite of the inclement weather, it was a massive success once again.

Some 200 Teams, with over 1,600 boys and girls from across the borough and a few from much further afield, took part in some action-packed football matches over the weekend.

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GPRFC Under 11 girls team with Sir Geoff having just won the 'Plate' Final in pouring rain!

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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



As acting Editor as well as Chair, I get to see the content of the magazine before publication and Roger Westcott's story in "From the Lakeside" about the swans on their travels struck a chord with me as I, too, have recently met an example of a creature on the move. I am used to seeing plenty of wildlife while walking round the lake but, one evening the other week, I saw a tortoise plodding down the centre of the path near the turn-off to the shops. I couldn't leave it where it was and I couldn't take it with me – so what happened? To cut short a long story involving Waitrose partners, a cardboard box and a lettuce; the Animal Warden and Police; Facebook and the RSPCA; and a kind man who keeps tortoises, the tortoise was reunited with his owner and is none the worse for his sojourn in Waitrose, a night in my garage and a trip to Byfleet. Lots of people have since asked me about the tortoise – with all the tumult in the world today, people can still find time to be concerned about the wellbeing of one small, lost creature!

I am still hopeful that someone out there will take over as co-ordinating editor for this magazine. It is not too onerous a task as there is a great editorial team in support. We could also do with a few more deliverers; if you don't get your magazine delivered, perhaps you could volunteer to do your road – only half an hour or so every other month.

This month, we are featuring the Strollers 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

Special guest Sir Geoff Hurst MBE attended the event in the 50th year since his goals helped win England the World Cup. The legend himself stayed for many hours signing autographs and watching all the kids play football. He was clearly a massive fan of grassroots football and congratulated GPRFC for staging such a big event for the youngsters in the community. Sir Geoff was kind enough to sign some England shirts and a photo which will be auctioned to raise money for the club; for further information, please contact the club secretary by email at andymorgan243@sky.com

Other guests included, Renato Raho from the local MacDonald's Restaurant, along with some of the staff, who provided fruit bags for the children. The other main partner of the event was Waterfalls Sales and Lettings Ltd, with Andrew Waterfall delighted to support a local community event once again.

Councillors Ian Eastwood and Saj Hussain also backed the event again, both in person over the weekend and behind the scenes with some valuable support and advice about hosting such a big event in the Community.

GPRFC, a registered Charity, would like to thank all the guests and tournament partners for their support and the wonderful volunteers who helped make the event such a success.



GPRFC Committee and Guest L-R Gareth Griffiths (committee member), Andy Morgan (club secretary), Sir Geoff Hurst MBE, Lee Swain (chairman), Simon Barron (treasurer)



Auction items donated by Sir Geoff.

GPCA Meeting

7.30pm on Tuesday 12th July 2016 in the Community Hall

Knaphill Village Show

1.00pm – 5.00pm on Saturday 16th July 2016

Woking's New Fire Station – visit and demonstrations

4.00pm – 6.00pm Monday 18th July 2016 Goldsworth Road

Prudential RideLondon

Sunday 21st July 2016 Byfleet/West Byfleet/Pyrford

Woking Canal Festival

11.00am – 4.30pm 6th & 7th August 2016 Brookhouse Common

Woking Food & Drink Festival

Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th September 2016 Woking Town Centre

WHAT'S ON?

EVENTS IN DETAIL

Knaphill Village Show

Mizens Farm, Barrs Lane is the place to be between 1pm and 5pm on Saturday 16th July for one of the main local events of the summer. There will be all the usual favourites: various musical groups, singers, Bisley Brass band, Morris dancers, children's funfair, bouncy castles, Punch and Judy, face-painting, dog show, beat-the-goalie. Plus, a tempting selection of food and drinks, stalls selling a variety of useful, fun and decorative items, BBQ, beer tent and of course the non-stop fun for young and old of the Mizens steam and diesel loco-pulled rides all afternoon.

Star baker Nadiya at Woking Food and Drink Festival

Great British Bake Off winner, Nadiya Hussain, will be headlining the third and final day of the Woking Food and Drink Festival (Sunday 4 September), demonstrating dishes from her new cookbook, "Nadiya's Kitchen", and will hold a public book signing session. In addition, she will present the prizes to the winners of this year's festival bake off competition, sponsored by Woking Shopping.

Nadiya's two demonstrations will take place in the Tante Marie Culinary Academy Demonstration Theatre, which will once again be located in the heart of the festival in Jubilee Square in Woking Town Centre.



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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

Having read the last edition of Goldsworth News I am concerned about two issues and what I perceive to be inaccuracies.

NORTH MEADOW

I regularly use this area with others when walking my dogs. Those using this for that purpose are not just those living on Goldsworth Park but also those living outside the estate. We clear up after our dogs and have met Tom Onions on a number of occasions. It is stated in your article that if the two junior pitches are created this will not prevent people using the area. This is incorrect especially in relation to dog owners who will not be allowed to do so.

You have not mentioned the petition for keeping the North Meadow untouched, which includes a considerable number of signatories both within and outside Goldsworth Park who are against the addition of these pitches.

DOGS ON LEADS ROUND GOLDSWORTH PARK LAKE

The article states "Signs have been put up informing dog walkers that their dogs MUST be kept on leads round the lake and within 25m of it." I fully understand the reasons for keeping dogs on leads round the lake and I do so, although there should be exceptions, i.e. disabled people in wheel chairs. The statement made is incorrect. The main sign does state that dogs MUST be kept on leads in designated areas; however, the recent signs on the lampposts state "Please keep your dog on a lead round the lake". I understand that individuals have made enquiries of the WBC, who have said this is a request and NOT a by-law.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring these issues to your attention.

Tony Davis

Reply from the Editor:

The Council has confirmed that it is not inaccurate to say that dogs can be exercised on the new football pitches (if they are created) when not in use, just as there is nothing to stop dogs being exercised on the existing pitches when not in use.

The petition was not mentioned because it had closed by the time the magazine was published.

Tom Onions, the Animal Warden, has now clarified that the large blue signs that are situated around the lake correctly describe "dog control measures" while the new signs on lamp-posts request that people do control their dogs by saying "Attention, please keep dogs on leads around the lake". The reasons for the request were set out in the magazine.

New life for forgotten clothes

The Beacon House dry cleaning and laundry business in Goldsworth Park makes sure cleaned clothes and repaired shoes don't go to waste when owners fail to collect them. "After six months, we have to assume they aren't required, so we donate them to the local Woking & Sam Beare Hospices charity shop," explained Mumeeb Zubair, manager of the clothes care specialist, which has been in business at the Goldsworth Park Shopping Centre since 1983.

Last week Mumeeb and his staff handed over a collection of unclaimed coats, dresses, suits and skirts to the charity shop. Said Mumeeb, "It's surprising people don't collect their things after we've cleaned and repaired them. But they are in excellent condition, so we hope they will brighten up the lives of their new owners and raise some money for our local Hospice!"

Woking & Sam Beare Hospices' charity shop at Goldsworth Park receives more donations than its other shops, thanks to its busy location and the large free car park serving the shopping centre.

"We welcome all donations," said Angela McGrath, manager. "Everything is sorted and we find most clothing can be put on sale in the shop. Anything unsaleable isn't thrown away; we sell it on for recycling, so it still benefits the charity."



(From left): Mumeeb Zubair and Debbie Aydemir of Beacon House cleaning specialists in Goldsworth Park handing over donations of clothes to Pat Collins and Gertrud Kuplas, both volunteers in the Woking & Sam Beare Hospices charity shop in Goldsworth Park.

airAlert – a new service for asthma and COPD sufferers

A free air pollution warning service that helps you manage your respiratory condition more effectively is now up and running. You can register with airAlert to get warnings of pollution levels that may trigger Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) or asthma.

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Congratulations to Goldsworth Park resident on her 100th birthday



by Royer Slater

May Cronin says she cannot believe she has reached her 100th year. "It was a most precious day – it felt like God was with me!" she said. "I was full of joy when I opened a birthday card from the Queen. I felt very proud to be British."

May and her late husband George lived in Old Woking for 37 years, where they brought up their three children, and then moved to

Goldsworth Park in 1976, during the estate's early construction phase. There were no shops or facilities, but she joined the parish church, St Andrew's, which was in its infancy: it had no building and for many years held services in Beaufort School. May still attends the church when she can and is visited regularly by many friends from St Andrew's. The whole church signed congratulatory birthday cards for her 100th birthday.

She celebrated her birthday with close family at her favourite Chinese restaurant. A second celebration followed at the Cricketers pub with 30 members of the family including eight grandchildren and 11 great children. "I am very lucky to have my wonderful family around me – they're the tops!" she said.

Isabel Webster lends her voice to Hospices' New Build Appeal

Woking & Sam Beare Hospices are proud to announce that Sky News presenter Isabel Webster is to be the New Build Appeal Patron, and will lend her support to the Hospices over the coming months as they build for the future to ensure 21st century care across Surrey for generations to come.

Isabel has a personal connection with Woking Hospice as her mother was the original architect for the current building in Hill View Road which opened 20 years ago. She recently visited the hospice to announce her official support of the New Build Appeal and took a walk down memory lane as she visited patients and staff on the ward and in Day Care. She explained "I remember walking around the building with enormous pride as a school girl. Having witnessed its creation, I am now thrilled to be looking to the future and lending my voice to the new hospice."

Jayne Cooper, Director of Nursing, and Becky Lewis, Therapies Team Lead, explained hospice care and how it will be improved when the new facilities open. Isabel then spent time talking to attendees, including Charlie who has Motor Neurone Disease who explained how visits to the hospice for bathing, lunch and socialising had improved his wellbeing.

She then visited the new hospice build site in Denton Way where Site Manager Robbie Richards took her on a tour of key areas under construction, such as the Wellbeing Centre, the Café area and Therapy rooms. The building remains on schedule to be completed at the end of the year.

Isabel said "It's fantastic to see the progress being made on site; it's coming along brilliantly and feels like an enormous building. It's crucial that funds keep coming in to enable the new Woking & Sam Beare Hospices to continue their brilliant work."

The Hospice launched a £3.4million New Build Appeal in February 2016 to raise the money needed to complete the project. So far nearly £1million has been pledged and Fundraising activities are continuing. For ways to get involved and to donate visit: www.wsbhospices.co.uk/NewBuild



Isabel Webster with site manager Robbie Richards, photo courtesy of Graham Larter, Surrey Advertiser.



Day Care.



An introduction to Strollers

Tucked in behind St Andrew's Church, at the Generation Centre Goldsworth Park, is Strollers, a coffee shop exclusively for retired and disabled people.

You may already know it. If not, come along for the company it provides, plus refreshments, in a caring and safe environment, away from noisy kids – though your well-behaved grandchildren are welcome.

It's not just the welcoming company, but visitors to Strollers can take part in craft sessions (Tuesday mornings from 10.00 to 11.30) – with expert help explore the trickier aspects of knitting

Strollers Café.
Photo by Ian Rickard.



or crochet. OK, you might not immediately think of trying those traditional skills, but there is great satisfaction in completing a project.

Today's technology is also represented with free Internet access, and help and advice for the over 55s. With so many organisations requiring ever-more information, and complex form filling, sometimes the Internet is often the easiest way; Strollers can give expert help. Or if you prefer to do your own thing, you can access the Internet completely free - just come in and ask - happy surfing!

Sometimes you might just want a sympathetic ear – perhaps you have just been bereaved and are overwhelmed by the admin, or have a worry that's keeping you awake at night. Strollers cannot solve all problems but can put you in touch with someone who can help.

Apart from all that, pop in for a snack – Fridays are bread pudding days, or maybe have a cheese toastie or a toasted teacake with coffee, cup of tea or mug of hot chocolate. In addition, Strollers organises a fish and chip lunch every four weeks and offers hot snacks and jacket potatoes every day.

So don't sit at home on your own – come and join the company, or become a Strollers volunteer. Just ring to see what's involved if you have a few hours to spare. Strollers' opening times: Monday: 9.30am – 1.30pm; Tuesday – Friday: 9.30am – 2.30pm (closed Saturday and Sunday).

Strollers is a registered charity (1056699) and is supported by Woking Borough Council. For further information, contact Jackie Robb, Strollers' manager on 01483 751259 or email: strollers@waitrose.com



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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.

Swans with cygnets.
Photos by Irene Watson.



Watching over my brood.



the building, in other words if he feels his family are in danger he will react.

Many other wild fowl are busy rearing families too, and they all need our help by NOT feeding them unnatural foods, particularly bread – it is of no nutritional value to them and can lead to vitamin deficiency in young birds – so please allow the parents to teach their young to forage natural foods.

Cygnets among the daisies.



Over the following days, word of the new arrivals spread and, armed with cameras, many visitors came to the lake in the hope of a photo or two (we have included some of our own just in case you missed your chance). It seems that mum and dad are happy to show off their offspring, almost posing for the camera, but, if you do come to see them, please keep a safe distance, especially if you have young children or pets with you as the Cob (Mr Swan) can be aggressive if you get too close. As an example, and try not to laugh, when the chicks were about two weeks old, after a heavy shower of rain, the Pen (Mrs Swan) and the three cygnets were sitting in a puddle on the path outside Goldwater Lodge whilst the Cob was picking a fight with his own reflection in the glass door of

On the 4th and 5th of June, the Goldsworth Park Angling Club held work parties around the lake, making repairs to platforms and top dressing with wood chip. Despite the soaring temperatures, the lads worked really hard and got a tremendous amount done, so a big thank you to all who took part. Well done guys for helping keep the lake a better place for us all to enjoy. Over the coming weeks we hope to finish what we've started.

This August, we will be holding a series of angling teaching days for beginners of all ages over 7 at Brookwood Country Park Ponds. The sessions will be FREE but you need to book a place in advance. If you would like to try your hand at angling, give me a call on 07779 896393 or email roger.westcott@mail.com

I am sure many of you will remember that, a few years ago, we had a resident pair of swans which would disappear from the lake in late March each year only to return in early July with a family in tow. Incredibly, it seemed they nested on a small pond over a mile away and, as soon as the cygnets were big enough, the parents would march them through woodland, across roads, over football pitches and car parks, finally arriving at the lake - an incredible journey by any stretch of the imagination for such little legs.

When the then dominant male passed away from natural causes, a new pair of adults took up residence and, last year, made their first attempt to nest, possibly encouraged by the improvements to the lake margins, but, unfortunately, a few days after four eggs had been laid, they mysteriously disappeared. So this year, as soon as we noted nest building, the area was secured with a fence. After what seemed an eternity, three cute little blue/grey fluff balls appeared, no bigger than my mug of tea, and proud mum and dad had them out on the water within hours of hatching.

Fishermen at work.
Photo by Steve Willson.





Council News



Politics and Cake-making – our new mayor – Cllr Anne Murray has been elected Woking Borough's 43rd Mayor. After a successful career as an IT consultant in the City, leaving work to begin a family enabled Cllr Murray to devote more time to her first passion – local politics and also to find time to rekindle her love of cooking. That led to involvement with Chobham Country Market where each Thursday morning she sells traditional home cooked food.

Cllr Murray said "I've thoroughly enjoyed holding the position of Deputy Mayor for the past year and now look forward to meeting the many individuals and organisations that make a difference to our communities."

From now until next year, Cllr Murray will be raising the profile of, and funds for, her chosen charity: Woking and Sam Beare Hospices. During her Mayoral year, her husband Michael, and her two daughters, Sarah and Rachel, will support Cllr Murray.

Woking's Deputy Mayor this year is Cllr Graham Cundy, currently a Conservative Councillor for St Johns.

County Council Heathrow rail link study – Surrey County Council is to examine the possibility of creating a rail link to Heathrow from the south. Around 9,000 people from Surrey work at the airport, but there is currently no direct rail link from the county. It means that more than three-quarters of them currently commute to Heathrow on the county's roads*, which are among the busiest in the country.

The news comes after a Network Rail report suggested there was a strong case for a new route connecting Heathrow, which opened on 31st May 1946 as London Airport, to Waterloo, Guildford and Basingstoke – generally referred to by the industry as 'southern rail access'.

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May GPCA meeting report and highlights

Revenues – Advertising revenue from Goldsworth News was rising and, in spite of subsidising some editions last year, the GPCA's overall financial position had nearly attained the pre-fire position with a surplus for the year to date of £9,490.

Communications – The Goldsworth News editorial team was working well and though Irene Watson had acted as Editor, a volunteer was still needed; the post has been placed with WAVS but with no response so far. An invitation to register with a site called woking.interest.me had been received.

Lakeside – There had been some activity in building the Sea Cadets' platform; there was a commitment to complete it by the end of May. Birdlife - swans had nested and eggs were expected to hatch soon. Coots, grebes and moorhens had also nested and kingfishers were on site.

Warnings to dog walkers – New signs put up asking dog walkers to keep their dogs on leads around the lake because of the dangers to dogs' health from the lake water which is not pure and the rat population spreading diseases; also the desire to protect the wildlife and to prevent nuisance to other users including fishermen and picnic parties.

Contamination of the football pitches by dogs was also a concern.

Car parking – Cllr Colin Kemp had arranged for parking restrictions to prevent all day parking in Sythwood between the Salvation Army and Willowmead Close.

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

Ah – that's better

The shopping centre courtyard is looking so much better these days – the repairs to the guttering stood the test of the recent downpours, the Costa Coffee shop is open bringing forth delicious aromas (and more trade to neighbouring shops, we hear), and their customers can sit outside to enjoy their coffee in the sunshine now that summer is here. Most importantly, the new play equipment has been installed on its bright soft surface. The equipment is designed for younger children and has proved very popular – it seems to be in use all day! The attractive new benches are a great benefit to shoppers, too.

What more could we ask for – except, perhaps, for the uneven paving outside the newsagents to be repaired before there is a serious accident.



Au Revoir to Nick Roach

by Irene Watson

After I know not how many years as Goldsworth Park's Neighbourhood Officer, Nick Roach has decided to move on to fresh fields and pastures new. He told me that he and his wife, Sally, plan to go travelling when she, too, leaves her job at Woking Borough

Council later in the year.

Nick has been an asset to the Council, a good friend to the Goldsworth Park Community Association, and a vital source of information and help to residents. I would like to thank him for everything he has done for us all – I know we will miss him.

By the time you read this article, he will have left his job but he said we will still see him around the Park for a while. We wish Nick and Sally all the best for the future.



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2016 Dragon Boat Challenge – the best yet!



Competing teams

That was the verdict of the organisers of the third annual Dragon Boat Fun Day in aid of Woking and Sam Beare Hospices.

From the Awakening Ceremony performed by the Chinese Association of Woking to the presentation of the awards by Richard Roberts from sponsors Trident Honda and Sue Cook, the sun shone on the twelve competing teams. Apart from the Dragon Boat races, there was plenty to entertain the crowds – bouncy castles and face painting for the children, a Pimms tent, a plant stall and raffle for the grown-ups – and there was a bigger crowd than ever. It was a sell-out - burgers, draught beer and

home-made cakes all sold out by the end of the day.

After three rounds of heats, it was a nail-biting finish with three teams racing for the finish line and the trophy. It really was neck and neck as each boat had a dragon figure head. In the end, the winner was the Reg Varney Rowing Club by a short head from Echo and the Reverbs with Velo et Gateaux in close third place. The winner of the best fancy dress was The Undertake Oars.

Wendy Denty and Danielle Le Cuirot from WSBH thanked the teams, the spectators and everyone who helped to make this such a successful event; they said they would be back again next year.



The winners



All together now



Prizes for the best fancy dress

A heartfelt thank-you

John, a local man who collapsed on the lake path a couple of weeks ago, and his wife would like to thank the four ladies who came to his aid; they made him comfortable, called an ambulance and directed the ambulance to the point nearest to where he lay. John was taken to St Peter's where his condition is being investigated. His wife said that they did not get the names of the good Samaritans but two of them had children in pushchairs - one had 16 month old twins – but she wanted to record her thanks for their assistance.



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