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Keeping up appearances!

VOLUNTEERS make a big contribution to the quality of life we enjoy on Goldsworth Park. Members of the Angling Club and Radio Sailing Woking, marshalled by fishing bailiff Roger Westcott, have been out and about around the lake for a major spring tidy-up as our pictures show.

The GPCA's next outside project is a litter-pick on Saturday April 22, so if you can spare a couple of hours to clean up the area come and help us. *Full details inside.*



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Meetings of the Community Association are held at 7.30pm at Goldwater Lodge.

2017 meetings: January 31;
April 25; July 25; AGM November 7.

All residents are welcome. If you would like to be put on the mailing list for minutes and other information, email chair@ourgoldsworthpark.org 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

THE last time I wrote, I was wishing you a happy New Year and now it is almost time to wish you a happy Easter. How time flies!

Over the years, there has always been a good relationship between the various clubs and groups which use the lake and recreation ground. A good example was when the Angling Club and Radio Sailing Woking got together to carry out a spring tidy-up around the lake – see From the Lakeside on Page 7.

Usually, we let each other know about plans for future events and developments which is why I was surprised to see that Woking Hockey Club, with no prior notification, has applied for planning permission to erect a spectator stand alongside one of their pitches when it is resurfaced and new fencing is erected. Neither was there any mention of the need for a spectator stand in Woking Borough Council's Playing Pitch and Outdoor Facilities Strategy, currently going through the approval process.

Apart from the fact that the plans are sadly lacking detail, I am concerned that this could be the "thin end of the wedge;" will the Club want to erect another stand when the other pitch is resurfaced? Will other clubs follow suit? I have raised these concerns with the hockey club and the Council but, at the time of writing, have had no reply. If you wish to look at the plans, go to the Planning page on the Council's website; the application number is 2017/0129.

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



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Lakeview opening delayed

THE opening of the new Lakeview Community Centre in Tracious Close has been delayed due to management issues and changes to the interior.

Lakeview Community Action Group (LCAG), who ran the old hall, are in negotiations with Woking Council to work out a revised management agreement for the larger, two-hall complex.

Surrey County Councillor for Goldsworth East and Horsell Village, Colin Kemp, is the chairman of the LCAG and has issued this statement:

"I took over as chairman of the LCAG last summer. One of the pressing issues was the future of the group and the running of the new hall. LCAG's main purpose is to promote activities and support for the communities within the Lakeview estate and in the past LCAG ran the community hall. The new building was quite another matter; it was much larger with two halls within the building but it does not have its own parking which limits its income potential.

"Our fear was that the hall would end up becoming the focus of our work and any money we raised would be going to support the hall, limiting our effectiveness with the community. It was decided at the end of last year to approach WBC and form a new relationship between the LCAG and the council; we asked them if they could take control of the running of the hall, as they do other community buildings within the borough. This would leave us to concentrate on engaging with and supporting the Lakeview community.

"At the time of writing, the final parts of this relationship are being worked out. Subject to final agreement the arrangement will be, WBC will look after the booking and maintenance of the hall and LCAG will help with this by supplying key holders and monitors; LCAG will have a percentage of pre-arranged time to use the hall to support community groups and users.

"Little Minions (the youth club) and Lift Up Together groups will continue and we have already looked at the possibility of expanding these if we can find additional volunteers. We are also looking at new opportunities to engage with different parts of the community and to form closer bonds with the GPCA and the wider Goldsworth Park community.

"There is a pencilled in date for an official opening on Easter Saturday which will be a joint venture with the Salvation Army and St Andrew's Church and the LCAG, but this is still to be confirmed, so watch out for flyers and posters."

Last-minute work to the interior of the building include modifications to make the venue more disabled friendly, the installation of fire alarm and security systems and telephone and internet connections.



Park's own Spider-Man

WITH 72 legs and 72 eyes between them, you could be forgiven for assuming Roger Brant's hairy pets would fill his Goldsworth Park bungalow. But these aren't cats or dogs, but tarantulas: furry eight-legged, eight-eyed spiders – and Roger has nine.

He fell in love with tarantulas almost by accident. Roger told me: "I keep tropical fish and was visiting Pentangle Aquatics in Knaphill. I've always had different tastes in pets to most people, so Nick Frost at Pentangle suggested I keep tarantulas. I said: 'Only if I can handle one without feeling uncomfortable'."

So, was it love at first sight?

Roger added: "As soon as it was in my hand, something clicked. I realised it's just an animal. I bought it on the spot!"

Since then Roger has expanded his

collection. Each of his nine tarantulas is from a different species, with unique, distinctive colouring.

Roger is proud to show off his collection and to spread his enthusiasm for his furry pets. "My girlfriend Susan suffers from MS and I suggested she keep tarantulas to give her something to focus on other than her illness. Now she has two. They encourage empathy with God's creatures, which is a wonderful thing."

In addition to tarantulas and two large aquariums containing numerous fish species, Roger also has three bearded dragons, generally considered the best lizards to keep as pets. Like tarantulas, they enjoy being handled and are known for being alert, hardy and tame.

"If you love exotic species, bearded dragons and tarantulas are very easy to keep



WEB MASTER – Roger with one of his pets

and in the case of tarantulas the number of variants is huge," he said. For Roger, they are the perfect pets. "I love them to bits!"

ROYER SLATER

Action on dementia

WOKING Council and the Alzheimer's Society hosted a meeting on March 9 at the A2 Youth and Community Centre in Denton Way to introduce Woking's Dementia Action Alliance.

The DAA is a national network with local coordinators who help local businesses and organisations to identify changes they can make to become more dementia friendly. DAA members include businesses, community and faith groups, schools and colleges, libraries, museums, shopping centres and charities as well as health and social care providers.

The meeting was well attended, with representatives from Waitrose, Boots, the Post Office, Brockhill, Strollers, the GPCA, St Andrew's and a number of other churches.

During the evening workshop, it was

explained how local organisations and businesses, through making simple changes, like changing a black doormat, which could be perceived as a hole, for a light coloured one, can help people with dementia. Training staff to give people with dementia time and to use other forms of communication such as drawing or signing, can also help.

Two couples affected by dementia came to talk to the group about their experiences and this gave added insight into the disease and how people might help.

Woking Council's Stephen Petford said: "I thought the meeting went very well. There was a good turnout and a combination of different businesses there. We had a lot of enthusiasm for what we are trying to achieve making Goldsworth Park more dementia friendly and being a dementia

friendly community. I was very encouraged."

When ready, organisations can apply for official Working to Become Dementia Friendly status and receive a badge of recognition.

Woking is setting up a Dementia Action Alliance and it was suggested that Goldsworth Park, which has a sense of community and supportive organisations, should have its own local DAA, under the Woking "umbrella".

There are currently around 16,250 people living with dementia in Surrey and the number is expected to grow.

For more information on the Woking Local Dementia Alliance and if you would like to contribute to the Goldsworth Park DAA, contact Stephen Petford on 07825 111473 or email dementiafriendly@woking.gov.uk

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Strollers to close

STROLLERS, the coffee shop and drop-in centre for retired and disabled people, is to close after 28 years.

The organisation's executive committee took the decision to shut down after a fall in custom due to increased local competition and many committee members reaching retirement age themselves.

But there is some good news for regulars at the Generation Centre – the closure will not be until December.

The shop has been managed by Jackie Robb for the past 17 years, and she is only the fourth manager since Strollers opened.

Jackie told the Goldsworth News: "We are not being forced to close. It is nothing to do with Woking Council and was a decision made by our executive committee. We are grant-funded by the

Council who have been extremely generous through the years. The committee felt that there is so much coffee facility in the area that we were not going to try to compete. Strollers, a little coffee shop on the Park is a little outdated nowadays, it's all sort of big hubs. I don't think we will be missed.

"Twenty-eight years ago when we started it was different then. There were no bus passes, people didn't drive as much and Strollers was a lifeline, but now footfall has fallen considerably. Now you have got Costa, free coffee at Waitrose, the church, the pub and at the end of May the hospice are opening a state-of-the-art coffee shop so it's overkill of coffee round here.

"It is sad we are closing but we would rather make that decision and have a last glorious year."

Hospice cash rolls in

WOKING and Sam Beare Hospices has received a double cash boost as the spring opening of their new 20-bedroom Goldsworth Park facility approaches.

Surrey based household products company SC Johnson has donated over £100,000 to fund a family pod at the hospice and Woking Council have made a grant of £57,400 to continue to support the senior community nurse post during 2017.

Interim CEO and Director of Nursing Jayne Cooper said: "Many people don't realise that 70 per cent of our work is in the community, in people's own homes. We are very grateful to Woking Council for this grant as our community nurses are vital to hundreds of local people with specialist palliative care needs, and their carers."

UNIQUE DESIGN – the family pod



The community team provides care, advice and support to more than 1,400 patients at home each year, improving their quality of life and helping them to live independently for as long as possible.

Councillor Melanie Whitehand, Woking's Portfolio Holder for Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations said: "As a council, we believe that it is very important that individuals can receive palliative care in their own home. This grant will help Woking & Sam Beare Hospices to continue to provide a flexible and responsive service to meet patients' needs."

The hospice's futuristic family pod, named the SC Johnson Family Room, is a wood clad curved structure that extends out from the first floor, sitting on diagonal steel legs. The design was inspired by Woking author H. G. Wells' novel War of the Worlds. The pod is one of two family areas in the building.

Three open days to view the new hospice have been announced. They are Saturday April 29, 10am-1pm, Tuesday May 2, 3pm-8pm and Wednesday May 3, 1pm-4pm.

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Dan pedalling towards £3,000

FUND-RAISING events continue to dominate the agenda as Woking and Sam Beare Hospices look to raise the £1.4million still needed for their new building.

Dan Searle, director of Woking based CCS Insurance, raised £401 for the charity after completing 100 miles on a static cycle in the town centre. That sum will go towards the goal of £3,000 he hopes to reach after running the London Marathon on April 23.



Dan, who looked the part in his yellow superhero cape, said: "I felt very tired at the end and I couldn't believe I'd achieved the 100 mile target. I was really encouraged by the level of support from my family, friends, work colleagues and the local people and to be able to support our company charity."

Director of Nursing Jayne Cooper said: "Well done, Dan! What a fantastic effort."

The hospice is looking for 1,000 women to take part in their 10th annual Midnight Walk sponsored by Trident Honda. Last year more than

900 walkers raised over £120,000. The ladies-only event will start at 8pm with a welcome and registration session, leaving Woking Leisure Centre at 10pm and following an eight mile route back to the centre. A refreshment station will be posted halfway at the new hospice.

As part of the 'hospice hero' theme walkers can buy a bright pink 'hero' cape through the hospice. Capes can be customised beforehand or at a 'pimp my cape' stall during the welcome session, to wear with the free event T-shirt featuring event mascot Owliver. The now-traditional bunny ears will also be available to buy at the event.

To find out more or to sign up for your early bird £10 Midnight Walk place (discount available until April 3, places £15 after that) please visit www.wsb-midnightwalk.co.uk and secure your free event T-shirt and supporters pack.

If you would like to support the new build appeal you can also donate online through www.wsbhospices.co.uk/newbuild

If you would like to support Dan, you can donate at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DanielSearle>

A team from London-based Methods Professional Services have raised £445 from a bucket collection in Woking town centre towards their £20,000 target for a five-day trek in Nepal in October in support of the hospice. To donate to the Methods' team's fundraising visit <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/mps1>



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From the Lakeside



■ Roger Wescott is Goldsworth Park Angling Club secretary and fishing bailiff working in partnership with Woking Council to oversee fishing, monitor fish stocks and other wildlife, and keep the area clean and tidy.



IT'S that special time of year again, "spring" to me and, I'm sure, for us all is the most exciting of the four seasons; the time for new life, new growth, longer days and warm air, giving all of us a dose of the feel-good factor.

Just like the trees, which have remained rather dormant throughout the winter, we, too, tend to switch off a bit until the sun shines again, making us feel alive and ready to get out of doors, getting on with those jobs we had put off, taking a stroll, enjoying the beauty of this time of year, doing all those things we wanted to do if only the weather would allow. Come on – now is the time.

With this sentiment in mind, at the Goldsworth Park Angling Club, we have been busying ourselves on the lake and our other site, Brookwood Ponds. Through the latter part of February and early in March, we were busy at Brookwood - trimming branches, litter picking and preparing parts of the banks in readiness for the platform building which will take place through the coming months.

Members of the Model Yacht Club and the Angling Club spent Saturday March 11 having a spring clean round Goldsworth Park Lake, litter picking, trimming here and there, and generally making the site and scene a better place for us all to enjoy. We would have continued the next day but the weather was against us. As the year progresses, we will be holding more work party days but for now we leave well alone, so as not to disturb our wildlife through the breeding period.

Whilst on the subject of breeding, here is an update on our swans, kingfishers, grebes etc. Throughout February and March, our adult pair of swans have been occupying much of their time trying to shoo-off their remaining two offspring from the lake but they are proving stubborn. By the time you read this, they may have got the message and taken flight in search of a new home and independence, leaving mum and dad to nest in peace and start life's cycle again. Over the last month or so, a pair of kingfishers have been seen daily close to the nest bank in the wildlife area; so are we going to get lucky this season? Let's hope so. Our Great Crested Grebes, after weeks of courtship dancing, are now well underway with the nesting process.

Frogs and toads have laid their spawn but numbers this year seen noticeably low. Sadly, over recent years, amphibian numbers have

suffered across the county. The causes are open to speculation but, whatever the reason, let us not add to the problem by taking spawn from the water for home studies. As with all our wildlife, watch and admire but leave well alone.

And finally, April 1 marks the start of the new fishing year so, from that date, rod licences must be renewed, either on line from the Environment Agency or from any Post Office. It is time, too, to renew annual permits for the lake. Both annual and day permits are available on the bank from one of our registered Bailiffs; please ask to see their ID cards before payment.

Also, despite it being some way off, if you are new to fishing or considering taking up the sport, this coming August we will be holding a number of angling teaching days designed for beginners of all ages over seven. Last year we ran a very successful program, this year we intend it to be much bigger and better and all totally FREE of charge. If you would like to know more or book a place, please contact the Club Secretary on 07779 896393.



TEA UP – Roger and his volunteers take a well-earned break



Help us tidy up the Park

THE GPCA, Woking Councillor Ann-Marie Barker and Neighbourhood Officer Hannah Jennings have organised a litter-pick and general clean-up on Saturday April 22 between 10am and midday.

Volunteers should meet at the Community Hall, Goldsworth Lodge. Gloves, pick-up sticks and rubbish sacks will be provided.

The litter-pick in November last year was well supported but the weather was unkind – it poured with rain. Here's hoping for a drier day this time!

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Local artist Nina's a national star

A GOLDSWORTH PARK artist has had one of her works shortlisted for a prestigious national exhibition.

Nina Pancheva-Kirkova was among 80 artists to reach the final stage of the Lynn Painter-Stainers Prize, from an entry of 1,100. Nina, 32, of Bardon Walk, had her oil painting *The Island of Utopia* displayed for two weeks at the exhibition in Mall Galleries in London.

She said: "Unfortunately I wasn't a winner of the big prize. But my work is in second place for winning the People's Prize."

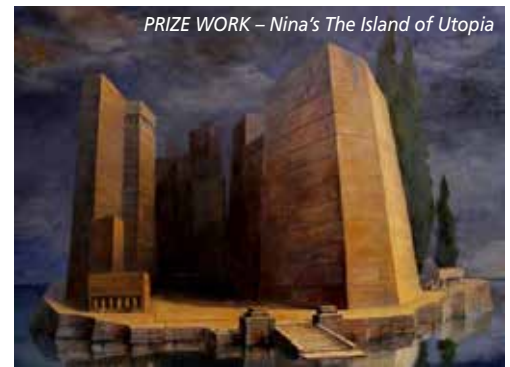
The public vote closed on March 31 so

Nina has her fingers crossed waiting for the result of the count.

The exhibition has now moved to the Guildford House Gallery where it will be showing until April 22.

Nina graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, with a BA in painting. She went on to receive an MFA from the University of Southampton.

She added: "The Island of Utopia was based on the socialist realism in my native Bulgaria. It was part of my PhD project at the University of Southampton, which I completed in 2015."



PRIZE WORK – Nina's *The Island of Utopia*
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Sythwood smoothies!



CHEERS – Councillor Colin Kemp and Centre Manager Nicola Norman with the smoothie-making bikes

SYTHWOOD Children's Centre is on a smooth road to creating a bunch of fit and healthy kids and parents.

They have just bought two exercise bikes for the children – but they are no ordinary exercise bikes! On the front of each bike is a smoothie maker, so the children can put fruit in the machine then pedal the bikes to produce a healthy drink.

Centre manager Nicola Norman contacted local County Councillor Colin Kemp to help with a project to purchase the bikes for the children. Nicola said "I would like to thank

Colin for his help in purchasing these bikes, they will not only be a great benefit to the children at our centre but they can be used for fund raising, and we will also make them available to other local schools and groups that support young people for similar activities."

The Centre is in the process of becoming a Healthy Children's Centre, an accreditation given by Public Health in conjunction with Surrey County Council for promoting a healthy lifestyle among the children and their parents. This includes promoting health, nutrition and exercise.



Councils' News



Sign up for free Youth Games coaching

'Youth Games' are back to offer free coaching for a range of sports to children across Woking Borough this spring and summer.

The sessions are for young people aged 7-16 to take part in a sport of their choice, including: badminton, boccia, boxing, cricket (girls only), football (girls only), hockey, judo, lacrosse, netball, touch rugby (girls only), squash, swimming, table tennis, touch tennis and tennis.

Attend the coaching sessions and have a chance to represent your borough or district at the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games 2017 on June 17 and 18, where Woking will be looking to defend the title it won last year.

Free for anyone below County standard in their chosen sport who lives or goes to school in Woking, the sessions take place at schools, clubs and leisure facilities across the borough, after school or at the weekend, and are led by fully qualified coaches.

Details of how to register, training venues, dates and times are available at www.woking.gov.uk/syg or by contacting Matt Glazier on: matthew.glazier@woking.gov.uk or 01483 743804.

Park Party celebrates Rock

Local groups can now apply for a place in this year's Party in the Park and join in celebrating the life and achievements of two of the most successful music artists to come out of the town.

This year's theme was chosen in honour of the late Rick Parfitt from Status Quo, the veteran rocker who grew up in Woking, and punk band The Jam, formed in Woking after members Paul Weller, Rick Buckler and Bruce Foxton met at Sheerwater Secondary School.

To take part go to: www.celebratewoking.info/partyinthepark.

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If you are a landlord why not show you are a professional by signing up to Woking Council's private landlord scheme. In partnership with the National Landlords' Association, the council has introduced the scheme that aims to improve a landlord's knowledge and the standard of private rented accommodation.

North Meadow future secured

THE GPCA has won its fight to have North Meadow removed from Woking Council's Playing Pitch and Outdoor Facilities Strategy.

It was feared that part of the Meadow would be lost to accommodate more football pitches, but now plans to make it a wildflower meadow can go ahead.

The Council, after a recommendation from its Executive Committee, are expected to rubber-stamp the removal from the Strategy at a full meeting on April 6.

GPCA chair Irene Watson said: "We now feel confident about the future of North Meadow. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us in this campaign."

During question time at the Council's Executive Committee on March 23 Irene asked why North Meadow was in the list of potential playing pitch sites when it:

- is contrary to the wishes of the majority of residents and visitors,

- is not necessary since the need for junior football pitches can be met from existing stock,
- will impact negatively on the GPCA's ability to attract grant funding to improve the area in a way which is supported by Natural England and would contribute to the Council's own Natural Woking Strategy.

Councillors Colin Kemp, Beryl Hunwicks, Saj Hussain and Will Forster all backed the GPCA before the Committee debated the issue and agreed that all reference to North Meadow should be removed from the strategy.

The GPCA's next step will be to set up a Project Steering Group of volunteers led by Gerry Smeesters, to implement the ideas outlined in the Vision for Natural Goldsworth Park.

If you would like to contribute contact Gerry at projects@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk

The buzz is back

TREES are in blossom, flowers are blooming, buds are bursting, birds are singing and bees are buzzing. It's no wonder many say spring is their favourite season.

The spring sunshine and longer days bring growth and greenery to Goldsworth Park. Nature is at its busiest this season, when every day brings changes.

Ponds come to life with frogs mating, then laying their jelly-like frogspawn.

Bumblebees emerge and join the first butterflies feeding on newly opened blooms

on warm spring days. Millions of migrant birds are arriving to boost those already here.

You may have seen birds busily nest building, but have you stopped to listen to their song, especially as they welcome each new day? The dawn chorus as song birds greet the sunrise gets louder each day.

Sunday May 7 is International Dawn Chorus Day (it is always the first Sunday of May), celebrated worldwide by supporters who get an early start, watch the sun rise and listen to the birds singing. Goldsworth Park is blessed with thousands of trees and many

kilometres of hedges, home to many bird species, so you can hear this natural spring spectacle from your own home.

There's a huge variety of trees, bushes and plants in and around Goldsworth Park. Each has its own time to unfurl its leaves and burst into bloom, so our beautiful part of Surrey changes day by day, week by week.

Spring is a wonderful time to explore our garden estate of Goldsworth Park. Enjoy it!

ROYER SLATER

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Natural Goldsworth Park – New name

Natural Goldsworth Park was adopted as the name for the project that includes the lake, meadow, wetland and woodland links close to the lake.

'The Vision' for the project had been discussed with Woking Borough Councillors for Goldsworth Park and Horsell, and with the officers involved in the Natural Woking Strategy. 'The Vision' document is available in full on the GPCA website.

The future of the project depends on the Council's intentions for the area. A report entitled Strategy for Outdoor Facilities was presented to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The report on Woking Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Facilities Strategy suggested that two football pitches could be constructed in North Meadow within three

to five years "if it is not feasible to use other under-utilised sites".

But Goldsworth Park residents want the meadow retained as the GPCA has told the Council, which will consider the report on March 23.

The Seven-Year Hitch

After it was reported that rubble had been thrown from the Sea Cadets platform building site on to the iced-over lake it was agreed that the Sea Cadets should be asked to make every effort to complete the platform without further delay – the project has already dragged on for seven years or more.

Lakeside Litter picked

A community litter pick had been carried out late last year with help from Councillor Ann-Marie Barker, Hannah Jennings, our

Neighbourhood Officer, Goldsworth Park residents and Costa staff who all came along in very poor weather. Another 'pick' would be arranged for April.

Christmas Past

The GPCA took over organising the shopping centre Christmas tree in 2016. All the shops, St Andrew's Church and the GPCA contributed to the cost of the tree and the Church provided the decorations. Volunteers from the GPCA, Angling Club and the Church helped to put it up and decorate it.

Lights out

A reminder that most street lights would be switched off between midnight and 5am. However lights around the lake would stay on.

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Action on rat problem



COMPLAINTS about rat sightings in the greenery between the play area and car park in the shopping centre have forced management agents JLL to take action.

A spokesman for the company told Goldsworth News: "We are

aware of the rodent issue and do have regular service maintenance visits by Mitie Pest Control. The area in question has had the number of bait boxes increased and we will continue to monitor the situation going forward."

Situations Vacant Part-time Cleaner required (10 hours per week)

The Goldsworth Park Community Association requires a cleaner to keep the Community Hall at Goldwater Lodge clean, tidy and ready for use by hirers.

The job involves cleaning the kitchen and toilets, sweeping and washing floors in the hall and snug, and reporting any issues to the Hall Manager.

We are looking for a responsible and active "morning"

person as the hall needs to be cleaned at 8.00am each morning. We estimate this will take an hour most week days and up to three hours at weekends when there are events. Hourly pay rate to be agreed.

If you would like more information, please contact Pauline, Hall Manager on 07958 672203 or Paul, Vice Chair on 01483 592645 (afternoons only).

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Doris packs a punch

WOKING escaped the full force of Storm Doris but one large tree was toppled on to the edge of a football pitch in the west of the Goldsworth Park recreation ground.

Fortunately no one was hurt and nothing was damaged and contractors quickly cut up and removed all but the stump of the tree.

Pictures: George Binyon



Hockey coaching camps



GOLDSWORTH PARK based Woking Hockey Club are holding half-term training camps for juniors starting on Tuesday April 11.

The youngsters are coached by past and present international players and Wales defender Leah Wilkinson will be passing on her expertise this time.

During the February half-term the club welcomed England's Phil Roper and goalkeeper Aurora Mears who coached more than 30 juniors.

On April 11 and 12 there will be sessions for U10's and U16's

and on the 13th there is a performance camp for U14's and U16's. Non-members are welcome

For bookings contact campswhc@gmail.com

The club have applied to Woking Council for planning permission to build a 44-seat spectator stand with wheelchair places adjacent to the pitch nearest to their clubhouse. As well as providing a comfortable watching environment club officials say it will reduce congestion on the bank and footpath behind the pitch during matches.

www.wokinghc.com

WHAT'S ON?

Litter-pick and clean-up

10.00am – 12 noon on Saturday April 22 around Goldsworth Park. Meet at Goldwater Lodge.

Freedom of the Borough event

Sunday April 23 in Jubilee Square. Army recruits and officers from Pirbright Camp celebrate their Freedom of the Borough Award plus live entertainment, music and displays to celebrate St George's Day.

Midnight Walk

8.00pm Friday May 19 starting at Woking Leisure Centre.
Annual Ladies eight-mile walk around midnight to raise funds for Woking and Sam Beare Hospices. Entry from £10.00. To register or find out more, visit www.wsbhospices.co.uk or call 01483 881752.

Choral Performances

7.30pm Saturday April 8 at St John's Church, Camphill Road, West Byfleet, KT14 6EH.

Bisley Ladies Choir, based in Knaphill, is joining with Genesis Chorale for a performance of Samson and Delilah by Saint-Saens conducted by Lewis Gaston.

www.bisleyladieschoir.co.uk

7.30pm Saturday April 29 at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, GU1 3RR.

Epworth Choir in concert featuring Rutter's Requiem and Renaissance Masterpieces in aid of Action for Children. They will be joined by members of the Woking Symphony Orchestra and soloist Augusta Hebbert.

www.epworthchoir.org

The Lightbox in Chobham Road, Woking, boasts three art galleries, a museum, cafe and gift shop.

Opening times:

Tuesday – Saturday: 10.30am – 5.00pm
Sunday: 11.00am – 4.00pm
Mondays and Bank Holidays: Closed.

Literary Festival: Thursday April 20 – Sunday April 23, to coincide with World Book Night and the anniversary of William Shakespeare's death. The festival promises history, poetry, children's activities, tips on how to make it as an author, and Shakespeare, all packed into one event.

www.thelightbox.org.uk

Street light switch-off update

SURREY CC's part-night street light switch-off will soon plunge Goldsworth Park into darkness between midnight and 5am.

If you feel the switch-off of a particular light constitutes a safety hazard or for any other reason you can appeal to SCC. The form is available on the council's website.

So far, Surrey Police have asked the Council to exempt 3,800 lights from the blackout in an ongoing consultation.



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TRESILLIAN WAY, £525,000

A link-detached 'Arundel' style home, which has been extended and remodelled, so now offers impressive three/four bedroom, three/four reception room accommodation, occupying a cul-de-sac position. Improvements are numerous and include a superb conservatory with three quarter height glazing, which is open plan with the dining room, which is also open plan with a stylishly fitted kitchen, which is comprehensively fitted.



WILLOWMEAD CLOSE GUIDE PRICE £500,000

A rarely available detached family home positioned at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac just a short walk of Goldsworth park lake and conservation area. The accommodation offers four bedrooms, two receptions, stunning kitchen, downstairs cloakroom integral garage and private rear garden. Located close to local schools, amenities and transport links. EPC D



NETHERCOTE AVENUE OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £309,950

A mid terrace freehold house set in a popular cul-de-sac. Offering two bedrooms, fitted kitchen and bathroom, living room extending into the dining room with doors opening onto the rear garden. The property also benefits from double glazed windows and gas central heating. Just minutes from the lake, open green spaces, shops and links to Woking Town Centre and surrounding areas. EPC C



HAWKSWELL CLOSE £299,950

A terraced two bedroom home, requiring some upgrading but undoubtedly a great opportunity. Kitchen, bathroom, living/dining room and a rear aspect kitchen. The house has gas fired heating to radiators (currently disconnected), a rear garden and a garage in a nearby block and further parking. Woking centre is within easy reach and Goldsworth Park shopping centre is just around the corner. EPC D



WILLOWMEAD CLOSE GUIDE PRICE £250,000

Set in the heart of Goldsworth Park and within easy walking distance of Goldsworth Park Lake, Waitrose and other nearby amenities. This stunning one double bedroom first floor property boasts spacious living/dining room, modern fitted kitchen, clean white bathroom and benefits from Upvc double glazing and ample built in storage. Internal viewing highly recommended! EPC D



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