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# Views from the Chair

I AM very pleased to have some good news to pass on. As I write, JLL Ltd, the managing agents for the shopping centre, have just placed the order for 10 disabled parking bays to be marked out in the car park in front of the Health Centre and the Church. Work may even have started by the time you receive this magazine.

I count this as an achievement for the GPCA which has been campaigning for more disabled parking bays for many, many years. We can add this to the many other successes over the years – the noticeboard outside Waitrose, the wildlife area and kingfisher nesting bank, the public toilet in the recreation ground, new street maps and most recently, the Natural Goldsworth Park project and the No Smoking signs in the shopping centre courtyard.

As you know, the GPCA manages the Community Hall, which we featured in the last issue, and publishes this magazine and has a website to keep everyone informed of what is going on.

If you would like to contribute to making Goldsworth Park a great place to live, why don't you become more involved in the GPCA? The AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, November 7th 2017 in the Community Hall; please put this date in your diary now and come to the meeting to hear about what the GPCA has been doing. Maybe you will be inspired to take a more active role in community matters. For example, we are looking for someone to be our link with the Dementia Friendly Community initiative.

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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# Help clean up the Park

THE next Goldsworth Park litter pick will be on Saturday October 14 from 2pm until 4pm. If you would like to take part, meet outside the Community Hall at Goldwater Lodge.

Hannah Jennings, our Neighbourhood Officer at Woking Council, will bring grab sticks, bin bags, some gloves and hi-viz waistcoats. Please bring your own gardening gloves, if you have them, and wear stout footwear.

The last litter pick, in April, was well supported and over 20 sacks of rubbish were collected from all over the Park.

# Spread the News

THE delivery of the Goldsworth News to every household on the Park is dependent on volunteers. We have most roads covered but there are a few gaps. If you would like to help in any of the roads listed here please contact Linda Hill at hilllinda5@gmail.com

Atkins Close 14 properties, Fenwick Close 71, Greythorne Road 47, Hallington Close 75, Huntingdon Road 127, Lidstone Close 31, Marston Road 19, Watercress Way 34.



# Shirley is new Patron of NGP

**THE GPCA welcomes Shirley Slocock as the new Patron of our Natural Goldsworth Park community project. Shirley's late husband, Martin, was the founding Patron.**

Shirley told Goldsworth News: "I am delighted to follow my late husband as Patron and will do my best to support ongoing efforts to ensure that North Meadow remains an open space for the use of local residents. It was a project very close to Martin's heart and I am sure that he would have been pleased to know that the Slocock family involvement will continue."

Shirley has been closely involved with our project, supporting Martin during the final months of the campaign to save North Meadow. Shirley is no stranger to the natural world. Brought up in a farming environment she made a late career change to follow her love of horticulture and painting.

Over the past 14 years Shirley has developed a reputation as a leading UK and international botanical artist. Earlier this year, at the RHS Botanical Art Show, Shirley was awarded a gold medal for her pencil work exhibit entitled Wayside Tracks and Verges. She is a founding member of Amicus Botanicus and a Fellow of the Hampton Court Palace Florilegium Society.

You can find out more about Shirley at her website [www.artbotanical.co.uk](http://www.artbotanical.co.uk) and view further examples of her work.



AWARD WINNER – Shirley with some of her work

## North Meadow Update



**DURING August and early September George Hounscome, a member of the Surrey Botanical Society, completed his first detailed survey of the plant species in the meadow, writes GERRY SMEESTERS.**

George, who volunteered his services, will follow this up in the early spring of 2018, then again in May and June to ensure all possible seasonal growth is also included in the survey.

George was accompanied by NGP volunteer Liz Wilkinson who said: "George was very patient and is very knowledgeable about his plants. I am grateful for his guidance and it has rekindled my interest in this area, especially in the meadow type plants that can be seen just about anywhere. I am now pleased to be able to name many more plants that I come across. Hopefully, as our project activity progresses on North Meadow the outcome will improve the chance for other species to fight their way through the more vigorous plant types that are currently dominant in the area."

We have had some initial dialogue with the Horsell Common Preservation Society, The Ramblers (Woking Group), and Woking History Society, seeking their interest or support on aspects of NGP.

The project still requires a person knowledgeable on wildlife to advise and help us assess what our area has to offer. Before we can deliver an outline habitat management plan and enhancement proposals we need to have an understanding of both the plants and wildlife.

If you know of anyone who is a wildlife expert or enthusiast then

please do let me know or ask them to approach the project, I would be delighted to talk to them.

NGP now has its own Facebook page. By the end of September our Twitter account will also be active. Please look us up and take the opportunity to 'Follow' and 'Like' us. From time to time we will use social media to release key messages and news. Our thanks goes to Katie Sherlock, NGP Friend and volunteer, for all her hard work to achieve this so quickly.

Don't forget to share any great seasonal photos, or interesting sights you capture around the Goldsworth Park. Upload them now. We would all love to see them. Take a look at the Facebook page to get some ideas – they don't all have to be about nature!

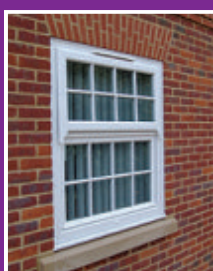
### Planned Activity October / November

**Schools:** We are keen to involve local schools, such as Sythwood and Beaufort, in our project in whatever way may help them meet the needs of, or benefit, their pupils. Therefore, this will be our priority.

**Support:** We will continue widening our support and Friends organisation and approaching other organisations which may be able to offer some of the expert advice we will need. If you think to can help specifically with the schools or support activities please contact me.

For any suggestions, thoughts or if you wish to help us out, email me, Gerry Smeesters, at [projects@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk](mailto:projects@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk) or contact me through Natural Goldsworth Park on Facebook.

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## Kate Wyles, Vicar of St Andrew's Church, looks forward to harvest time in her new regular column

**WHEN a VW owner recently moaned about the terrible petrol consumption of their camper van, a fellow enthusiast quickly responded, "VWs don't run on miles-per-gallon – they run on smiles-per-gallon!"**

There is something about a VW bus that makes people smile. Perhaps it is their quirky good looks, or their sunshine colours, or the promise they hold of a trip to the beach.

We've just wrapped up our van, Fifi, for the colder weather but I am hoping to keep those smiles-per-gallon in my mind. I hope the good memories they represent will keep me topped up with thankfulness through harvest and on into the winter.

Harvest time is a whole season of thankfulness. It's an opportunity to take stock of all that is good in our lives – those smiles-per-gallon, and to say thank you to God. Perhaps you can think of some of the people, places, or memories that you are thankful for.

The harvest rules of the Hebrew Bible forbid an owner of a field of grain, or an olive tree or grape vine to pick their crops too closely. Leftovers were encouraged so those who struggled to make ends

meet could have a share of God's gifts too. (Deuteronomy 24.19-21).

Could you share your thankfulness for the good things in your life by doing a similar thing? There are many families in Goldsworth Park and Woking struggling today. Woking Foodbank is always happy to provide a list of the goods most needed. If you own a business perhaps you could help a refugee family member into work by giving them a work placement? Let me know if that is the case. Or you could join in with the sponsored walk around Goldsworth Park to raise money for the Hospice on October 8.

If we share out our thankfulness those smiles-per-gallon will go even further.

May you, your family and friends know God's goodness and blessing this Harvest time.



FAITHFUL FRIEND FIFI – Kate with her VW van

A SPONSORED walk around Goldsworth Park on Sunday October 8 aims to raise £200,000 for Woking Hospice. Kate said: "The aim is for 2000 members from Woking churches to do a three mile all-age sponsored walk in Goldsworth Park. If 2000 Christians are each sponsored by 10 neighbours for £10, it will raise £200,000 for the Hospice. We will also be offering our facilities at St Andrew's and providing refreshments."

The Churches Together walk will start at 3.30pm. Full details are available at [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)



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# Memories of Goldsworth Nursery

The GPCA want to capture memories from the Slocock Nursery years. If you have a story we would like to hear from you. Email us at [editor@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk](mailto:editor@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk)

Here is an edited extract from Fields of Memories by John Field who often spent his childhood holidays at his grandmother's cottage. (Reproduced by kind permission of the author)

**GRANNY'S cottage was semi-detached. It was located between the villages of St John's and Knaphill, at 82 Robin Hood Road.**

Constructed in the late 1800's they were built as tied cottages and at that time were owned by Slocock's Nursery and used for their workers. Slocock's had the largest tree and shrub nursery in the country.

The cottages were quite isolated, at one edge of the main nursery, so very rural. Granny's comprised two and a half bedrooms (the half was a small bedroom come box-room which led off one of the bedrooms).

Downstairs had a small scullery, living room and at the front, a sitting room which was rarely used except for special occasions. There was no bathroom. The toilet was outside in a tiny room joined to the kitchen. The cottages had mains water and drainage but in my early visits no electricity, just gas. Electricity didn't get to this area until about 1955.

The nearest other building was about 100 yards away which was a very old farm with outbuildings and originally called Gas House Farm. Granny's parents had lived there for several years in the early 1900's. Three hundred yards in the other direction was a lone public house, the Robin Hood and is where I experienced my first pint of beer.

Granny married my grandfather John Alexander Field in 1908. They had four children, Alexander, Doris, Kathleen (who died aged

three months) and then Cyril, my dad. Living first at Kingston Hill, working for a large house, my grandparents later moved to Woking where granddad was employed by Slocock's Nurseries. Initially, they had a tied cottage near the Basingstoke Canal close to Harelands, moving again shortly after to the other side of the nursery at 82 Robin Hood Road. The original postal address of the cottages was 2 Knaphill Cottages.

On the nursery at that time horses were used for ploughing and hoeing. Slocock's were still using around eight heavy horses, mainly Shires, up until the early 1970's. These huge horses, despite their size, could tread very carefully between rows of plants pulling special hoes, ploughs and ridging devices doing things the motorised tractors couldn't.

*In the next issue of Goldsworth News the second extract by John Field reflects on the impact that World War One had on the family.*



PAST TIMES – John with his dad Cyril and dog Smokey in front of the cottages



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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.

**FIRST things first – I'm more than just pleased to inform you all of some great news.**

About six weeks ago, whilst fishing near the wildlife area, I heard a high-pitched whistling, a whistle I recognized immediately as a kingfisher, but I was not hearing just one bird – I was hearing several calling, and at the moment I said to my companion, "hey listen to that!", two adult birds and three fledglings appeared from the willow just in front of the kingfisher bank we created back in 2012.

For what seemed like minutes, though probably only seconds, all five birds were performing aerobatics between us and the island, swooping and turning back and forth; possibly the young birds were on their maiden flight with mum and dad showing how it's done. For those few precious moments, it was like watching a David Attenborough

documentary on the TV, moments that will stay with us for years to come. Did they nest in our bank, was all that hard work worthwhile? Coincidence would be too hard to believe but to confirm by checking the bank is a no-no; we could put them off using it next year, so leave well alone and admire from a distance.

The angling club held its annual, free "Let's Go Fishing" teaching program in Brookwood Country Park, in August. Our two professional coaches, Richard Charlton and Simon Windsor, showed all 75 entrants how to tackle up, bait the hook, cast and plumb the depth, watch for bites and how to unhook fish and carefully return them to the water. Everyone caught plenty of roach, rudd, bream and carp. The coaches then presented the two most improved entrants, Sophie and Theo, with a trophy cup each and extra tackle.



WINNER – Sophie with; from left, Simon Windsor, Roger Westcott and Richard Charlton

## Park life's a green dream!

**WE'RE a lucky lot, living in Goldsworth Park – a nature reserve in all but name.**

The town planners who laid out our garden estate provided open areas and wide green verges to its roads and footpaths. The developers planted thousands of trees which have now reached maturity. They carefully retained many existing mature trees and even moved a few semi-mature specimens that were in the way of new building works to other locations.

There are many places to take a stroll. Equipped with a Goldsworth Park footpaths map (available from local traders at Goldsworth Park Centre and the church for a £1 donation to Woking Hospice) you can

easily spend a pleasant hour or so wandering around the Park's many footpaths.

You'll discover numerous shortcuts between roads, and wide green corridors hidden away behind back gardens. You'll see Goldsworth Park's wildlife, from squirrels and foxes to bats and birds.

The scene changes with the seasons. During the summer months you may have seen birds busy with their young, abundant wild flowers and even plants that have escaped from neighbouring gardens. And of course there's the lake: a circuit is 1.25 km (0.75 mile).

We even have a super arboretum: The Basingstoke Canal cuts right through the

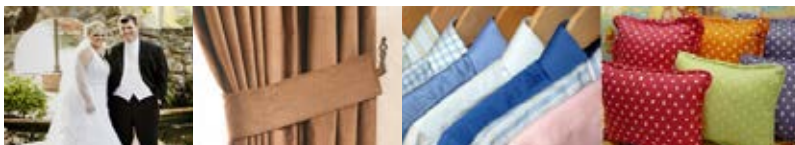
heart of Woking from east to west, and runs along the southern part of Goldsworth Park. In just a few paces, we can step out of urban life into the canal's tranquil tree-lined corridor and experience a different world. You'll always be surprised what you see when you take a towpath walk.

We mustn't forget North Meadow, which will be maintained and enhanced through the Natural Goldsworth Park project, supported by the GPCA.

Goldsworth Park isn't just a housing estate but a green nature-filled landscape. Aren't we lucky to live here!

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# News from the GPCA Residents' September meeting report

## Natural Goldsworth Park

Expert advice is being sought for a survey to establish the range of plants, and wildlife in the area designated Natural Goldsworth Park. It was hoped to produce a list of existing plants, by their common names, as well as bird and mammals inhabiting the area. It is known that there are owls, woodpeckers, kestrels and five species of bats.

There was the possibility that the area could have its own Facebook and Twitter pages to allow regular updates. There were already many pages set up by people interested in bird watching, beetles and butterflies.

## Lakeside matters

Membership of the fishing club, now in its third year, continued to rise, though cormorants had damaged the fish stock. A boat had been bought, which could be used for maintenance and swan rescue, and a trailer useful in tidying up work. A recent work party had lopped low hanging branches, maintained reed beds and picked up litter.

## Finances up

The treasurer circulated the accounts for the period July 1 2016 to June 30 2017 which showed a surplus of income over expenditure of £16,164, compared with £10,792 in the previous year which resulted from increased bookings for the hall.

## New owners for the shopping centre

The shopping centre and car park had been sold for £16.6m to Christian Vision, a charitable trust established by Lord Edmiston in 1993. Lord

Edmiston is the founder and owner of IM Group and IM Properties that manages investment funds and property on behalf of Christian Vision. JLL Ltd are continuing as managing agents. Contact had been made with the agents about the number of disabled parking bays and the possibility of more is being investigated.

## Smoking ban

Following a letter from a resident about smoking round the playground in the shopping centre, the shops had been canvassed and would support a no-smoking initiative. The managing agents had a policy on no smoking and have some signs they could put up.

## Goldsworth News

More volunteers were called for to help deliver the magazine as there were some roads where the News was not delivered. Regular advertisers continued to support the magazine. The magazine is now posted on the GPCA website and that there is an archive of previous editions.

## Social media

There were a number of followers on Twitter including IM Group, the new owners of the shopping centre. The Facebook page had been set up. There was not a great deal of traffic on the website, 509 hits had been recorded since the last report of which 90 per cent were new users. Most visitors to the site were interested in Hall charges, facilities and booking arrangements.

**AGM November 7th Goldwater Lodge 7.30pm**

## Help is at hand

**PICK UP almost any newspaper and the main stories will be about war, domestic and civil strife, greed and crime.**

Balancing them are events going on all around us which highlight the goodness in people and restore our faith in the human race.

A piece written recently about Random Acts of Kindness illustrates the point. Hardly a day goes by when we don't witness an example – guiding an old person across the street, picking up a dropped toy, holding the door open for someone, helping a young mum up some steps with her pushchair – all little things in themselves but which combine to make life much more pleasant for everyone.

There is nothing random about the acts of kindness performed by the members of Goldsworth Care. They are a dedicated team helping out local residents of all ages, who need some assistance from time to time, with the everyday tasks which we all take for granted, such as transport to the doctors, the dentist, the hospital, hairdressers, etc and occasional small D.I.Y. jobs at home – changing a light bulb, putting a bolt on the back door, moving the sofa to get the Hoover behind, and so on.

They are part of a network of Good Neighbour schemes spread right across Woking and they perform a vital service,

saving the NHS hundreds of thousands of pounds per year. If you are not actually on the Park, the nearest other similar scheme is either Knaphill Care or St John's Care. Mike Griffiths, the new Chair, says he is looking forward to a challenging year.

All these schemes are run by volunteers and, as such, could do with your help. So, if you feel that you could spare an hour a month, give the Duty Officer a call between the hours of 10.00 am and 12 noon on 07751 801587. It's the same number if you need help.

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## Town centre traffic

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Future diversions and road closures will be necessary during the construction phase of Victoria Square so if you want to stay with highway network changes visit the WBC roads and diversions webpage.

## Sniffer dog

SPECIALLY trained sniffer dog Phoebe showed her skills at a Woking road show to highlight the dangers of illegal tobacco. Phoebe joined trading standards and public health teams as part of a crackdown on the counterfeit tobacco trade.

The aim was to raise awareness of the dangers of illegal tobacco and cigarettes and the ease with which young people can become hooked on products sold at pocket money prices. Illegal cigarettes can contain rogue ingredients and rarely carry health warnings. Anyone with information on illegal tobacco can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 345 678 or Surrey Trading Standards on 0300 1232329 or at [trading.standards@bucksandsurreytradingstandards.gov.uk](mailto:trading.standards@bucksandsurreytradingstandards.gov.uk)

## Dog owner convicted

A MAN was successfully prosecuted after allowing a dog to foul near a children's play area and not removing the faeces. Woking Council's Animal Warden saw the incident and handed the disgraced dog walker a £50 Fixed Penalty Notice. Though the dog walker gave a false address, he was tracked down and after failing to pay the fixed penalty, the case was taken to court where he was found guilty, fined £200, ordered to pay the Council's costs of £280 and a £30 victim surcharge, a total of £510.

Cllr Beryl Hunwicks, Woking's Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, said: "If anyone thinks that their lack of discipline in this matter will go unnoticed, then this prosecution should serve as a strong reminder that their behaviour will not be tolerated."

## History Centre treasures

SURREY CC's History Centre in Goldsworth Road has achieved national recognition for its care in preserving nine centuries of the county's heritage. The Centre is the county's record office and local studies library. Treasures housed in its six miles of shelving include letters from Henry VIII, Lady Jane Grey, Lewis Carroll and soldiers serving in the trenches of World War One as well as a vast array of documents recording the lives of millions of Surrey people over nine centuries. Also included in the collection are parchment maps of the county stretching back to the 16th century.

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# Park's new waste collections

**A NEW rubbish and recycling service for Woking started on September 11 with a joint waste collection contract with three other councils.**

This new service with Amey will save the councils' taxpayers more than £2 million a year. It is the first contract of its kind in Surrey, and is part-funded by the Surrey Waste Partnership and supported by Surrey County Council as the waste disposal authority.

The contract covers all aspects of waste collection including household rubbish, recycling and garden waste, recycling banks, clinical waste, replacement bins and the opportunity to introduce a commercial waste service.

There will be the same fortnightly recycling and rubbish collections as before with weekly food waste collections. The garden waste collection service also continues.

Services include:

- a weekly collection of clothes, home textiles and small electrical equipment
- an improved bulky waste service, including a collection from inside homes
- new collection vehicles with enhanced safety features like 360 degree cameras
- new technology to give residents the latest information on their collection.

Food waste will still be collected on the same day each week as rubbish or recycling, but it may be at a different time later in the year as a separate vehicle will collect it.

Amey can be contacted on 03332 340978 and for updates visit [jointwastesolutions.org/woking](http://jointwastesolutions.org/woking)

MICHAEL FARLAM



Dear Sir

Following on from the report in the Goldsworth News I am writing to you to add my complaint with regard to the levels of noise and safety issues.

When I first moved to Woking around 1990 a light aircraft passing overhead was something of a novelty, but in the intervening years the level of light aircraft traffic has increased to the point where it has become a major noise nuisance. Furthermore, I do believe the flights over the densely populated areas of Goldsworth Park pose a safety threat and appear to be in breach of the current regulations by flying below 500 feet.

It should also be borne in mind that the residents of Woking and surrounding areas are exposed to noise from aircraft movements from Heathrow and Farnborough in addition to Fair Oaks. Just how much are we expected to endure?

Like Trevor Edwards, I do not have a connection with Fair Oaks or the proposed development of the airfield, but I think approval of the development would be a blessing to the areas blighted by light aircraft noise.

The populations of the areas around the airfield has increased dramatically in the years since it opened in the late 30s. Fair Oaks is no longer a suitable location for a light aircraft airfield and training facility.

I will be a willing supporter of any campaign for a change to the current situation.

C T Jones

Dear Sir

Sadly, on July 16 our beloved family cat was brutally killed and dumped on Hawkswell Close. The details of the incident are with Surrey Police who have logged it in officially as a crime.

Apparently, according to those investigating these cases, she was the victim of the Croydon Cat Killer - now known as the UK Animal Killer, as his territory has widened. As a result we are now keeping our other cat indoors at night.

All those living in the area must be warned so they can keep their pets safe and be vigilant about anyone behaving suspiciously in our neighbourhood. We must find this psychopath before he kills more pets and escalates his crimes beyond just small animals. Over 200 others have suffered over the past two years that the killer has been operating.

Patricia Giannola

Email us your views at [editor@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk](mailto:editor@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk)

## Playground gets an upgrade

CHILDREN using the playground at the north of the lake now have a safer and more secure environment in which to play after Woking Council replaced the old timber and mesh fencing with smart new steel railings.



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## Sythwood's new Head

WHEN I wrote, some months ago, about the Sure Start Children's Centre in Sythwood School, I mentioned the fact that the school is rather like an oyster, fairly nondescript on the outside but full of different promises on the inside.

I was back at the school recently to talk to Nicola Wilmshurst (right), the new Head of School. I have to say that the interior of the school is as bright and cheery as any oyster and Nicola reflects that atmosphere. Only appointed at the start of this term to succeed Sue Tresilian who retired after 18 years, she is not a newcomer to the school, by any means, having been there since 2012.

In preparation for her current position, Nicola spent the last three years as Deputy Head. She said: "I am most grateful to my predecessor for the gradual hand-over of responsibilities. It has made life so much easier."

With more than two dozen different 'mother languages' in the school she and the staff face different challenges every day. You see what I mean about oysters and promises.

MALCOLM HEAD



## Generous shoppers

A TOTAL of £557 was raised at Goldsworth Park shopping centre for a charity that helps people with multiple sclerosis.

Based in Guildford, the Samson Centre for people with MS currently helps about 170 across the county with the debilitating disease.

Goldsworth Park resident, James Gregory of Littlemead, who has MS was one of the collectors, benefits from the help given at the centre and also volunteers to help others.

He said: "The physiotherapy and the baric chamber, where people breathe pressurised pure oxygen, all help us keep mobile. It's not a cure, but the oxygen can improve our quality of life."

## Brownies helpers appeal

GOLDSWORTH PARK Guides, Brownies and Rainbows are looking for two volunteers to help run their units that meet at the Generation Centre.

District Commissioner for Goldsworth Park Hannah Lambart said: "We are looking for volunteers over 18 to get creative, have fun and help lead a group of girls on a weekly basis throughout term time. They would work alongside other adults who have led the group for many years but would be happy to receive fresh ideas and work together to ensure the girls have the best time."

Volunteers would be looking at Mondays between 4.45-5.45pm working with girls aged 5 to 7 and Tuesdays 6-7.30pm, working with girls aged 7 to 10.

The contact email is [gpbrownies4@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gpbrownies4@hotmail.co.uk)



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## Sythwood Primary School and Children's Centre



### OPEN DAYS FOR RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2018 INTAKE

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