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GPCA MEETINGS

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

Extraordinary General Meeting,
Friday June 29, 7.30pm.

All residents are welcome. If you would like to be put on the mailing list for minutes and other information,
Email: chair@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk or call 01483 714096.

LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Following the closure of Strollers coffee shop Conservative councillors will hold a surgery at Costa's in the shopping centre on the first Saturday of the month from 9.30 to 10.30am.

Lib Dem councillors are planning a move to the Lakeview Centre.

Councillors: Ann-Marie Barker WBC and Ian Eastwood WBC (Lib Dem). Chitra Rana WBC, Saj Hussain SCC & WBC and Colin Kemp SCC & WBC (Conservative).

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Views from the Chair

I AM sorry to say that I cannot be as upbeat in this issue as I usually am.

You will have seen, in the past few issues of Goldsworth News, that the GPCA has been seeking a new Treasurer as Peter Hill is retiring after 14 years in the role. We have also been seeking a Secretary, a role that I have been undertaking in addition to that of Chair for the past five years. Now, the Vice Chair has relocated out of the area and cannot continue in his role, which included looking after the Community Hall.

At the last public meeting in April, I presented a report on the future of the GPCA which you may have seen. It was widely circulated, is on our website and included in this edition of the News. It concluded that, as a Registered Charity, the GPCA was not viable unless these positions were filled. The issue was discussed at the meeting, but no real solutions were proposed. The positions have not been filled and the Executive Committee now has determined to dissolve the GPCA.

As prescribed in the Constitution, I am calling an Extraordinary General Meeting of the GPCA at 7.30pm on Friday, 29th June 2018 in the Community Hall at Goldwater Lodge. As members of the GPCA, all residents of Goldsworth Park are invited to attend the meeting to consider and vote on the resolution to dissolve the Association.

I do hope that you will come to the meeting and take part in the discussion about the future – or lack of it – of the GPCA, and what may happen to its many and varied activities. It is not too late to rescue the situation if there are willing volunteers.

The Constitution is available to read on our website under the "About" tab where you will also find the full text of the report under "Minutes" if you prefer to read it online.

If you have any issues of general concern or would like to be involved in the work of the GPCA, please contact me through this magazine or on chair@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk

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Irene Watson, GPCA Chair



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Crisis impact on NGP

NATURAL GOLDSWORTH PARK is a product of the GPCA. Without the GPCA our project will suffer a significant, if not fatal setback, writes GERRY SMEESTERS.

The covenant for the community project was agreed between Woking Council and the GPCA, the primary sponsor, representing all 15,000 residents.

No GPCA, no community organisation, no covenant. NGP relies on the GPCA registered charity status. No registered charity status – many funding opportunities will be closed to us.

Our project needs an effective communication channel with our residents. The key channel is fulfilled by Goldsworth News. That publication will cease with the demise of the GPCA, should that happen and our social media accounts and website would close.

The GPCA umbrella organisation provides NGP with administrative and other support services e.g. banking, a public meeting space and a voice that is heard, and carries weight, beyond Goldsworth Park because it represents some 15,000 people. Critically, without the GPCA we will have lost the voice and somehow will have to create a GPCA style support organisation.

On a brighter note, NGP was one year old at the beginning of May. We are well on our way to having a really great insight to the current ecology of the space, probably for the first time. North Meadow is once again looking verdant. NGP would like to welcome Andrew Halstead, a leading UK entomologist, who began an insect survey on North Meadow in late March and will continue this during 2018.

Park VNW goes live

THE Virtual Neighbourhood Watch for Goldsworth Park is live!

The Goldsworth Park Neighbourhood Watch Facebook Group has been created with the aim of improving safety within the community by sharing information and alerts about relevant police and crime issues.

Using the traditional email method takes time to get a message to every member but, with Facebook, we aim to improve the speed and effectiveness of communication amongst members.

If you use Facebook, just search for the Goldsworth Park Neighbourhood Watch Group and apply to join. You can get notifications direct to your smartphone (or not, if you prefer).

Please feel free to add relevant information to this page but note that posts will be restricted to safety issues, free from political points, lost cats and requests for a plumber's name – posts not related to Neighbourhood Watch issues will be deleted.

Let's get to 500 members by Christmas!



CHRISTINA CANDEY

HERE, in full, is the report on the future of the GPCA given by Chair Irene Watson at the quarterly meeting on April 24.

AT the AGM in November 2017, Peter Hill gave notice of his decision to stand down from the role of Treasurer – which he had held since 2004 – at the end of the GPCA's financial year in June. Since then:

- the vacancy has been registered with Volunteer Woking and the details updated twice;
- all the local accountancy firms were contacted to see if they knew of anyone who might be interested in volunteering;
- local schools were asked to circulate details in the parent newsletter;
- local churches were asked to give details in their notices;
- the vacancy has been advertised in the last three issues of Goldsworth News;
- advertised through social media on Facebook and Twitter;
- there has been an article in the Woking News and Mail;
- the new Community Matters volunteering organisation in Woking has been contacted;
- details have been on the noticeboards outside Waitrose and the Community Hall for three months;
- there has been word-of-mouth canvassing and networking.

To date, there has been only one tentative enquiry which was later withdrawn. Add to this, Paul Davies, Vice Chair who looked after the building, is relocating to Dorset and the new note taker has said she is unable to continue. The

UNDER THREAT!

Community action. GPCA organised petition to replace toilet facilities.



GPCA is a registered charity with a constitution approved by the Charity Commission. The Constitution identifies the Officers of the Executive Committee as Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and such other officers as may be determined from time to time. At least three of the members of the Executive Committee must be Trustees.

For the last five years, there has been only a Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer. I undertook the role of Secretary in addition to being Chair, although there has been a note taker for most of that time. This arrangement ensured that the GPCA had the requisite three Trustees.

Now, within the next few weeks, the GPCA will have a Chair and no other Executive Committee Members or Trustees. George Binyon, editor of Goldsworth News and



UNDER THREAT!
Community noticeboard

UNDER THREAT!

Litter picks





UNDER THREAT!

Park street maps

Gerry Smeesters, NGP Project Manager, have agreed to be co-opted onto the Executive Committee and can then become Trustees but there will still be no Vice Chair or Treasurer. This is unconstitutional and the GPCA cannot continue like this.

The role of Treasurer is not necessarily a job for an accountant – the number crunching is done with a computer program – but someone numerate who can interpret the figures, report on the finances at meetings and to the Charity Commission at end-of-year is needed.

Most importantly, the Treasurer is required to advise the Executive Committee on the Charity Commission and HMRC regulations and ensure that the GPCA operates within them.

I have to make it clear that, unless volunteers for the roles of Treasurer and Vice Chair come forward within the next month, I will begin the process of winding up the GPCA.

If/when this happens, there are many implications:

the Community Hall will be handed back to Woking Borough Council which, hopefully, will continue to operate it for the benefit of the community as they do with The Vyne, Lakeview Community Centre, Moorcroft, etc.;

- there will be no more Goldsworth News or website;
- there will be no organisation to campaign and succeed in getting facilities such as the public toilets in the recreation ground;
- there will be no organisation to implement social benefits such as replacing the maps around the park or installing community noticeboards;
- there will be no organisation to monitor planning applications and take action when the proposal is to the detriment of the community, such as when the owners of the shopping centre applied to demolish all the small shops and build a retail park, or when they applied to build houses on the copse behind Waitrose, or when Waitrose applied to install tables and chairs on the walkway under the canopy;

- there will be no organisation to take up issues such as North Meadow with the Council. The demise of the GPCA will impact on the Natural Goldsworth Park project since, without the backing of a Registered Charity, it may prove difficult to source grants and there would be no organisation to maintain accounts. There would be no insurance cover for NGP volunteers. The same goes for the Lake Bank project;
- there will be no more representation at the Act of Remembrance at the Goldsworth Park War Memorial;
- there will be no Christmas tree and carols in the shopping centre courtyard;
- there will be no more litter picks;
- there will be no one to help residents with planning issues or problems with common areas.

In the first instance, the decision to dissolve the GPCA will be made by the Executive Committee but the final decision is down to the residents of Goldsworth Park at a Special General Meeting – but I wonder if anyone will attend such a meeting. Only 11 residents attended the AGM in November, seven attended the January meeting and there are five residents at the meeting tonight.

It is disappointing and disheartening to those of us who have worked so hard and for so many years for the people of Goldsworth Park that, from the 12,000 or so residents, so few can be bothered to attend meetings and not one is prepared to take on a role on the Executive Committee.

Chair, GPCA, April 24, 2018.

- Full minutes of the GPCA April meeting are available on our website www.ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk

UNDER THREAT!

Remembrance Sunday representation



EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
FRIDAY JUNE 29th 7.30pm – GOLDWATER LODGE

It's the last straw!

Revd Kate Wyles

'THE Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,' sings out Psalm 24. On a beautiful summer day walking around Goldsworth Park lake it is easy to join in with that song.

But it reminds me that, if everything in the earth belongs to God we have a deep responsibility to use each item well as we care for the earth.

So, at St Andrew's Church coffee shop we've stopped using plastic straws and introduced a refill point for you to fill up your water bottles – pop in if you run low. You may find yourself tempted by our cake and coffee while you are there!

We are also about to recycle our church chairs. Their padded seats have had constant use from Goldsworth Park bottoms for 30 years now, and it shows! The chair frames, on the other hand, are made of solid wood and have plenty

of life left. Those 300 chairs have been used to celebrate our community's weddings, baptisms and school concerts. They've been used for the sadder or more sombre occasions of funerals and Remembrance Sundays – not forgetting seating the derrieres of Woking Choral Society, Sing Gold Community Choir, and many more!

Each chair will cost £35 to recycle. Perhaps you would like to donate that amount and fund a chair in memory of a loved one? We will put each name remembered into a Memorial Book. Just drop an envelope with your loved one's name into the church office if you would like to contribute (next door to Waitrose and the Health centre in Goldsworth Park Centre).

'The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it' including plastic and church chairs.

Kate is Vicar at St Andrew's Church.



**Andrew's
st Church**

£360 raised – that's tasty!

A SALE of homemade cakes at St Andrew's Church raised £360 for Christian Aid during the weekend April 28-29, writes ROYER SLATER.

Co-organiser Neil Cheetham said: "Several very talented bakers created lots of scrumptious homemade cakes. On the Saturday morning we had a wonderful team of volunteers serving cakes, coffee and tea. Cakes left over were sold after the morning church service on Sunday.

"We'd like to thank the bakers, the helpers and of course all the people who supported us."

Neil added, "Christian Aid is an excellent charity that works aid in some of the world's poorest communities in around 40 countries at any one time. It

acts where there is great need, regardless of religion, helping people to live a full life, free from poverty."

Christian Aid's Woking Branch chairman Bob Dallimore commented: "Recent adverse news stories about a national charity working in Haiti have reminded us that the country remains poor and that inhabitants have found it incredibly difficult to overcome both the 2010 earthquake then the subsequent devastation wrought by Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

"Christian Aid is still helping people in Haiti. The charity works through local communities helping them to rebuild simple homes that can withstand both earthquakes and tropical storms."

Cllr Rana wins third term

GOLDSWORTH PARK resident Chitra Rana has won a third term as a Woking Borough Councillor.

In the local election on May 3 Conservative candidate Cllr Rana defeated Liberal Democrat James Sanderson in the Goldsworth Park Ward by the narrow margin of 10 votes.

Former Gurkha Regiment Officer Cllr Rana, who lives in Armadale Road, said: "I would like to thank the residents of Goldsworth Park who supported and voted for me. There are so many things that need to be done here on Goldsworth Park.

"I am fully committed and motivated to tackle any concerns residents may have and welcome them contacting me with any issues."

Cllr Rana serves on the Licensing Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Taxi Licensing Sub Committee.

Lib Dems Ian Eastwood and Ann-Marie Barker are the other Goldsworth Park Ward councillors.



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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.



WHAT happened to the swans this year, you may well ask. I wish I knew.

Having had such a successful season last year, we were all looking forward to a new family of cygnets on the lake this year but, no, it wasn't to be.

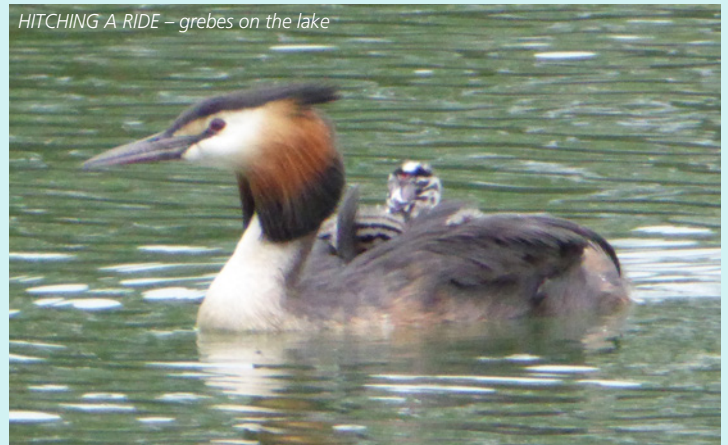
Throughout March, our resident pair showed positive signs of nesting, regularly visiting last year's nest site, the Pen making some effort of rebuilding but then deciding, just a day or so from egg laying, to choose a new site at the far end of the lake in an area with no cover and exposed to all the elements.

As soon as we were sure she was laying, we contacted Serco who very kindly sourced some fencing in the hope it would offer her some security but, sadly, we were too late. The evening before the fence arrived, she was sitting on at least three eggs but, when we arrived early next morning, the eggs were gone, and she had left the site. Despite this, we put up the fence just in case she was still carrying, but to no avail.

Was it foxes? Quite possibly as many nests are raided by them and foxes are more than capable of taking swan eggs without leaving a trace, but what was very odd is a few days before the Pen started to lay, the Cob disappeared. What happened? Where did he go? I have not heard of a male leaving his partner at such an important time when his role is to stand guard, protecting her and the nest. It just doesn't make sense, but I guess we will never know what happened and, to date, he has not returned.

On a number of occasions since her loss, it appears that the female has left the lake then returned a day or so later, sometimes with one

HITCHING A RIDE – grebes on the lake



or two yearlings in tow. All very odd but there it is, the bottom line is I honestly don't really know what went wrong.

More positive news is that the coots, moorhens and grebes have all been successful again this year. Frogs also seem to have had a bumper spawning with thousands of tadpoles all around the margins; with the water so clear at the moment, they are easily spotted.

The fish have been showing good signs of spawning too; mainly carp and bream so far, particularly on those warm days in early May, they are a sight to behold in the unusually clear water. As the weather improves, the plant life round the margins will be coming into bloom particularly the flag iris, so despite the lack of cygnets this year there is still plenty to see and admire round the lake.

Lockfield Drive's pollinator trial

WOKING COUNCIL have chosen Lockfield Drive as the first trial location for its planting for pollinators and amenity project.

The Council is committed to reducing the Borough's impact on the environment and, beyond this, to achieving positive gains for habitats and species.

A phased series of new planting schemes is proposed in suitable locations around the Borough over the next three to five years. These will trial the use of plant species with properties that can help to mitigate adverse impacts upon and deliver positive gains for the environment.

Plants will be those which can assist in reducing air pollution, are tolerant of the changing climate, or which provide habitat food sources for a variety of pollinators.

The choice of Lockfield Drive, Goldsworth Park's main through route, builds on the already popular wildflower planting on the Robin Hood roundabout.

Two locations along Lockfield Drive have been selected for 2018 sowing with a colourful mix of perennials, annuals and grasses of types recommended by the RHS as being 'perfect for pollinators'. The sites are from the Littlewick roundabout up to Kirkland Avenue and between Clifton Way and the Robin Hood roundabout. A rainbow perennial mix of 19 species will be used, offering an extended flowering season through to late autumn, supplemented with additional common poppy seeds for an extra splash of colour.

Planting will take place in the wider grass verges. No trees will be removed to accommodate the new planting beds, but tree management works are routinely needed along road corridors for safety and these will continue.



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Uncovering Goldsworth's past (Part two)

OUR forgotten heritage: In the second instalment, GERRY SMEESTERS asks the question, Has Slocock's Nursery been airbrushed from our landscape?

LANGMANS WAY and its subsidiary cul-de-sacs have a direct horticultural link to the nursery. Only Wayside Court differs in this respect, instead taking its name from the site of a private residential property at that location off Littlewick Road.

The other residential addresses are named after rhododendrons that were either hybridized by Slocock's or by the Waterer's Nursery in Barrs Lane. All were being cultivated and sold by Goldsworth Nursery at the time of its closure, in part because Slocock's Goldsworth Nursery had acquired some of the Waterer's collection as far back as the 1920's.

Road names 'Sappho', 'Goldfort', 'Rainbow' and 'Langmans' reflect their Slocock catalogue entry exactly. Everest Court takes its name from a variety named 'Mount Everest', whilst Pearl Court is likely to refer to 'Pink Pearl', a very popular hybrid developed by Waterer's. 'Langmans', a violet rhododendron hybrid, was only registered in 1969, but in 2015 an RHS specialist committee listed it as 'at risk'. For the record, there are currently no rhododendrons to be seen on public space within the Langmans development and no rhododendrons were cultivated by Slocock's anywhere on or nearby Langmans Way.

Whether by design or accident, the inclusion of two Waterer's hybrids is most appropriate. Walter C Slocock served his apprenticeship working for Waterer's. In the mid 1970's the circle was completed by Martin Slocock who purchased Waterer's Knap Hill Nursery (Barrs Lane) following the closure of the Goldsworth site.

I introduced Old Goldsworth Nursery, located south of the Basingstoke Canal in the last issue of the News. The former Slocock home and business HQ was situated in that part of the modern estate.



The space formerly occupied by Goldsworth House is now enclosed by Badgers Close, Milcombe Close and parts of Inglewood and Colyton Close, which coalesce to form a square roughly where the main house stood.

On the link footpath between Badgers Close and Milcombe Close there is a small area with a cemented circle and largely enclosed by a low brick wall. The character of this landscaping is at odds with anything else nearby. Could it be a capped well or borehole? There were a number on the nursery. Perhaps there is another story associated with this feature.



The residential area from the vicinity of the former Goldsworth House, along to Parley Drive is bordered by a narrow strip of public green space next to St John's Road. At this time of year a couple of mature rhododendrons can be seen. These may be survivors from the original nursery era but the names of the hybrids are unknown. Along this route there is also a length of railings, which look familiar to some in this area as captured on old photographs of the nursery.

To the east, the Old Goldsworth Nursery land at Arthur's Bridge Road now hosts Goldsworth Primary School. The latter and its playing area occupies parts of two former nursery fields, one called Spinners, the other Spooners.

Today, there are few traces of the Old Goldsworth nursery. Demolition and clearance work undertaken in the 1970's obliterated all physical structures. Only some very grand trees have survived. A handful of residents have displays of colourful azaleas and rhododendrons, taking advantage of soil carefully conditioned for over 100 years for this specific purpose and species.

• Do you know of any landmarks or names associated with the nursery? Would you like to help with further heritage research or provide your memories of the nursery years? Then please contact me. 07899 794302 (mobile), or email projects@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk



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Book your kids a bright future

Royer Slater

WOULD I be writing this today if my parents hadn't taken me regularly to our local library from an early age?

Those visits cultivated in me a love of reading, language, curiosity – and writing!

It's never too early to start looking at books with your baby or toddler. Regularly sharing books, stories, songs and rhymes helps to build a baby's early language skills and provides a special time for parents to develop a strong and loving relationship with their child.

It's free to join Surrey Libraries and borrow books, which enable children to escape into a story, to explore places beyond their experience and to learn what makes the world tick. When I became a parent, visits to Knaphill library were a regular highlight. Even after thirty-odd years, I vividly remember our young daughter's excitement as she selected the books we'd share at home. She was an avid reader from an early age – and still is!

Surrey Libraries have a good selection of board books for under-5s. These are tough and not easily damaged, so young hands can safely explore them. The clear, bold pictures are very attractive to young babies. When your baby is ready to move on, there are wonderful picture books including funny and magical stories, as well as books to help them learn about colours, numbers and the alphabet. They also have simple information books for very young children to start learning about themselves and the world around them.

Sharing books and stories with young children can help build good language and listening skills and give them a head start when they begin school.

When your child joins the library they can take part in Pebble's Reading Adventure. Every time they return their books to the library they earn a stamp on their collector card. With six stamps, your child will receive a special reward.

The big change for children in Surrey library services since our daughter was young has been the addition of workshops and events to encourage children's interest in books.

The free Rhymetime sessions are aimed at under-5s with their parents and carers. It's fun, interactive and noisy! Nursery rhymes are great for language development – the rhythm gets attention, while the repetition is good for speech development. Locally, Rhymetimes are at Woking Library on Wednesdays and Knaphill Library on Fridays.

Library Storytimes are generally aimed at two to five year olds and are also free. They provide a fun and enjoyable introduction to books and libraries for young children. Woking Library has two sessions on Wednesday mornings and afternoons.

For times and much more information visit at any Surrey library or visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/under5s Books could make a huge difference to your child's life!



Chancellor drops in at hospice

WOKING & SAM BEARE Hospices announced its vision for the future at a special event attended by Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond.

The main purpose of the event, held at Woking Hospice in Denton Way, was for the specialist palliative care centre to announce its new Five Year Strategy.

Jayne Cooper, CEO, said, "This is an opportunity for us to share with the community what we plan to deliver for them over the next five years. For many of our patients we only get one chance to get it right and this is the most important driver for

the delivery of our new strategy."

Mr Hammond, MP for Runnymede and Weybridge, met hospice founder and life president Rhod Lofting and was given a tour of the facility. He said: "I'm delighted to hear that you will shortly be up to the target level of 20 operating beds and I've heard once again that today, as with the original Sam Beare and Woking Hospice, how many more people you're caring for outside the hospice and in the community.

"I can only wish you every success in the future and thank you for everything that you do for my constituents and the constituents

of all my colleagues and neighbours across North West Surrey."



WELCOME – Rhod Lofting (right) with Philip Hammond



YOUNG VOLUNTEERS – (from left) Noah, Inez and Zé

Pickers turn out to tidy up

MORE than 20 volunteers of all ages turned out for the rearranged GPCA community litter pick on Saturday April 21.

Efforts were concentrated on the recreation areas and woodland close to the lake and many bags of rubbish were collected.

Woking Council again provided litter pickers, high-viz jackets and bags. The litter pick that had been scheduled for March 3 was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Woking elects new Mayor

CLLR WILL FORSTER has been elected the 45th Mayor of Woking.

A resident of Woking all his life, Will was born in Frimley Park Hospital in 1986 and grew up in Goldsworth Park before moving to Westfield. He now lives in Hill View with his partner Hannah Thompson, who will support him during his Mayoral year.

Will is a Liberal Democrat Councillor on Woking Council for Hoe Valley and also on Surrey County Council for Woking South.

The new Mayor is looking forward to discovering the good work being done by the many voluntary organisations across the Borough.



WOKING MAYOR
WILL FORSTER

He said: "I know my local area very well so I look forward to meeting them in a slightly different context as well as going further afield to parts of Woking that I am not so familiar with. My diary is already filling up rapidly!"

During his Mayoral year, Will has chosen to support Woking's local homeless charity, the York Road Project.

Woking's Deputy Mayor this year is Cllr Beryl Hunwicks, a Conservative councillor for Horsell.

Anti-social cyclists targeted

A CAMPAIGN encouraging cyclists to think of others and walk their bikes through busy Woking town centre has been launched.

Police are on the lookout for cyclists and yellow cards will be issued to those caught cycling through key town centre streets

compromising the safety of pedestrians. The yellow card is a positive and polite request for cyclists to think of others and dismount.

Cycling has become a popular way to commute to work, stay active and as a leisure activity but this has led to an increase in anti-social cycling such as riding on footpaths and pedestrianised areas of the town centre.

High Street enforcement camera

DRIVERS are being reminded that the automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) camera that monitors vehicle access to High Street, by Woking Station, is in operation.

Since an experimental traffic regulation along High Street was introduced in August 2017, vehicle access has been restricted to buses and authorised vehicles between the hours of 7am and 9pm. An on-street marshal was in post during this time, advising motorists of the change in access.

The camera scans each vehicle's number plate as it enters High Street. Unauthorised vehicles entering the area during the restricted hours are issued a Fixed Penalty Notice.

£1m funding for transport

TRANSPORT Secretary Chris Grayling has announced £1million of funding for the work of Transport for the South East (TfSE).

It came as a study commissioned by TfSE revealed that cutting journey times by just a minute on one of the busiest transport routes in the South East could add as much as £4.5million a year to the national economy.

TfSE is a partnership of 16 local authorities, including Surrey County Council, and five local enterprise partnerships.

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Fun run needs marshals

WOKING Lions Club is looking for volunteers to marshal their charity fun run on Horsell Common on Sunday July 1.

The 5km, 10km and half marathon races will have staggered starts with the first off at 10am from McLaren Park. All races finish at Fairoaks Airport where a secure bag drop, toilets and medical cover will be provided. All runners will be chip timed and receive a medal on completion.

The event is sponsored by Seymours' Horsell office and supported by Waitrose, Goldsworth Park and Horsell Co-op who are supplying bottles of water. Boz Fruiterers of Horsell are giving energy boosting bananas to every runner.

Beneficiaries from the run will include Transform Housing and Support which provides homes for vulnerable people in the Woking area, Woking District Scouts and Guides, as well as Woking and Sam Beare Hospices.

Details at www.wokinglions.org.uk

WHAT'S ON

BISLEY Ladies Choir are holding their Summer Concert at Knaphill Methodist Church on Saturday July 14. The Lily and The Rose Songs of Nature presentation starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10, children over five £5 and include refreshments.

Free parking is available behind the church off The Broadway, GU21 2DR.

Contact Brenda, Chairperson, 01483 474911, for tickets or pay at the door on the night. www.bisleyladieschoir.uk

Beaufort's Wembley belles

WINNERS – the victorious Beaufort girls. Abigail Freullet, Ellie Freullet, Gracie Price, Ruby Stanley-Cardy, Brooke Wayte, Lillyella Wellock, Rebecca Griffiths, Kaitlin Hamer, Una Harington-Foulkes

BEAUFORT SCHOOL'S girls football team won the National League Trust Under 11 Cup – at Wembley Stadium!

Representing Woking FC, the girls beat St Joseph's Birkenhead Primary School, representing Tranmere Rovers, 3-1. Abi Freullet scored two and Gracie Price netted the other goal.

The match was held before the National League play-off final between Boreham Wood and Tranmere Rovers on May 12.

Coach Louis Freullet said: "Beaufort Girls have had an excellent season and winning a final at Wembley puts the icing on the cake,

they have now done something that billions of football players can only dream of.

"After the game had finished they followed in the footsteps of so many famous players by walking up the steps to the Royal Box to lift the trophy.

"The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we would like to thank the National League Trust for making this happen. The team have worked hard all season and in some games grinding out really hard fought wins, every player has put everything into the team to make this happen and we are extremely proud of each and every one of them."



GPRFC festival attracts 220 teams

OVER 2,000 children aged 5-15 from 220 teams will take part in Goldsworth Park Rangers FC's 2018 Community Youth Football Festival on June 9 and 10.

The pitches off Wishbone Way will be fenced off from 8pm on Friday June 8 and entry by programme on the day will be £3 for a family of two adults and two children. Gates will open at 8.30am.

Attractions as well as the football will be a BBQ, soft drinks stall, ice cream van, tea/ coffee van and a bouncy castle.

There is a traffic management plan in the local area so that residents are not inconvenienced. Matches will finish at 5pm on both days.

A spokesman for GPRFC said: "We are always striving and looking at ways to make our festivals as fun and fair for all teams as we can. We are planning to focus even more on the FA Respect campaign and encourage everyone to show sportsmanship during the tournament. Awards will be made to clubs who show outstanding moments of sportsmanship to highlight our focus on playing the game with respect.

"We have always played both cup and plate competitions for all competitive age groups, so that every team progresses from the group games and have a better chance to win a trophy. This has been very popular over the last few years. "

Tournament Enquiries: tournament@gprfc.org

Former Strollers room for hire

THE former Strollers coffee shop in the Generation Centre close to St Andrew's Church is now available for event hire as the Baden Powell Room.

The Generation Centre is jointly owned by the Guides and Scouts Association and houses various Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scout meetings during term-time evenings.

Until last December a separate part of the building was known as Strollers but this has since closed.

Now, both the Generation Centre and Baden Powell room are available to hire during weekdays and weekends .

The Generation Centre's main hall is a flexible space which can be easily split into two smaller halls with a stage at one end. A third room is available off the main hall. There is a fully functional kitchen, plenty of tables and chairs, modern toilets, disabled facilities and ample private parking.

The Baden Powell Room has its own entrance and offers a generous carpeted space with round tables and comfortable chairs. It has a separate kitchen area, along with its own toilet and disabled facilities. Wi-Fi will soon be available to hirers of both areas.

For further information and rates call: **01483 766001** or email generationcentre@outlook.com

New date for hospice walk

WOKING HOSPICE has set a new date of Friday September 28 for their charity Midnight Walk that was due to take place on May 25.

A spokesperson for the hospice said: "We are very grateful to our walkers who had already signed up for the May event, and we apologise for any inconvenience the change of date may cause.

"Following feedback we have received from those who are regular annual participants who were unable to join us this year, and looking at where the numbers were at in comparison to last year, we feel that moving the date of the event is the right thing to do.

"The Midnight Walk is one of our core flagship events that brings together our female supporters. We recognise that a large number of you walk in memory of a loved one and therefore we want to ensure that as many of our annual regular walkers are able to participate. And for those who have already signed up, it is as equally as important to us to provide an event that will give you a good experience."

The eight-mile walk will start and finish at Woking Leisure Centre with an 8pm check-in and 10pm start time.

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