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Views from the Chair

THOSE of you who attended the last GPCA meeting already know that I will be retiring from the position of Chair of Trustees at the AGM on October 19.

It is nearly 30 years since I was first elected to the GPCA Committee. During that time, I have carried out nearly every role that there is except for treasurer and, for the last nine years, I have been the Chair of the Trustees of the GPCA CIO. In all honesty, I think I have done my bit and now deserve time off for good behaviour!

I can look back with some satisfaction from being a part of a number of GPCA successes over the years including the fight against proposals to demolish our small shops and replace them with three superstores; getting the council to build permanent toilet facilities in the recreation ground after they removed the hated "superloo"; the Lake Bank Restoration Project, the results of which can be seen whenever you take a walk round the lake, and the establishment of the Natural Goldsworth Park Project which started with a campaign to prevent more football pitches being built on the meadow.

As I get to the end of my tenure, I have been reflecting on the chairmen that I have worked with over the years. The first was Peter Winter, whom some of you may remember. He was very involved in the development of Goldsworth Park so had a lot of dealings with the council and the developers. He was a prime mover in the building of the community hall. He, too, held other roles in the GPCA and spent a few years as editor and distributor of the Goldsworth News.

The last chairman that I worked with was Ian Rickard (who happens to be my husband). He had been treasurer for some time but, as chairman, he was very involved in the management of the community hall, designing and project managing the extension which provided more storage and the entrance lobby. His other key role was the relationship with the council and protracted negotiations over changes to the use of the other part of Goldwater Lodge and the lease of the community hall – something that still had not been resolved by the time we surrendered our "agreement to lease" in 2018.

During my time as chair, my first role was to work with the council over rebuilding the community hall after the devastating fire in 2012. I then took the old GPCA Association Charity through all the processes required by the Charity Commission to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which gives more protection to the trustees. I have tried to promote more community activities such as litter picks, the Christmas tree in the centre with carol singing, the Christmas Market and more.

I wonder what the new chair will focus on in his or her turn?

This may well be the last time I write my Views from the Chair because the editor of Goldsworth News, George Binyon, is giving up that role after five years. We have tried to find a new editor with no success so far and so it seems likely that publication will cease – this will be the last edition. Whether or not this is case, I would like to record my sincere thanks to George for his sterling work over the past five years in producing an interesting journal every quarter, even during lockdown when Goldsworth News was sent out by email. His long experience in journalism is evident in the professional content and appearance of the magazine.

It is never too late to offer to help the community in one way or another, to get a buzz from seeing a change for the better, so if you would like to be involved in the work of the GPCA CIO, please contact me at chair@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk

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Irene Watson, GPCA Chair



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We're seeking an editor

THE Goldsworth News is seeking an editor to oversee production of our quarterly magazine.

The News is delivered to all households and businesses on Goldsworth Park. It keeps residents informed on what is happening around the Park, the work of the GPCA as well as a providing the opportunity for local businesses to advertise at competitive rates.

Design and printing of the magazine is all taken care of by Knaphill Print and full editorial support will be available for the new editor during the transition.

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Newts prove hard to find



By BOB CHALLONER, NGP Project Manager

AS I write the Meadow and woodland are beginning to come back to life. The grass is growing, the first flush of wildflowers is appearing and the woodland trees are bursting into leaf and blossom.

Surveys

A survey of newts in the lake took place during April. It was limited to the wildlife area at the east end to avoid the risk of the traps being removed or disturbed where the banks are accessible to the public.

No newts were found. Whilst newts and fish do not mix well, the outcome was disappointing given that newts are commonly found in the gardens around the lake. Their apparent absence from the lake may be due to the lack of aquatic weed in the lake margins which have a stone bottom to minimise the risk of bankside erosion. Newts lay single eggs which are wrapped in the leaves of aquatic plants, and weed growth provides important cover from predators.

What causes me concern was the apparent absence of any aquatic invertebrates in the margins — no beetles, nymphs or other insect larvae. Again, the lack of marginal weed may be a factor.

Residents may recall that in the past, the lake was surrounded by an extensive weed bed. This was removed by the operator of the windsurfing school and aquatic plants have been noticeably absent since then.

There was better news from local resident Liz Hales's garden pond. Although only about 5x2ft in size, this produced five common or smooth newts. Liz has created a small wildlife area in her garden in which the grass has been left to grow and log piles and shelter features for wildlife have been provided. It is an excellent example of how with a little thought and effort, a small area can be of enormous benefit to wildlife.

Unfortunately the two May weekends for continuation of the small mammal survey around and in the woodland have had to be cancelled through lack of participants. I will try again in July if enough volunteers can be found to take part.

Woodland management

I am pleased to say that Thames Water has allocated funding for some management work in its part of the wood later in the year. Details are yet to be confirmed but the work will likely involve clearing invasive cherry laurel and thinning some of the smaller trees to improve sunlight penetration in the areas of denser growth. Hopefully Woking Borough Council can also find funds for concurrent work in its part of the woods.

Thames Water and Woking BC would like to see the community taking part in this work, and I will circulate more details of volunteering opportunities here and on the NGP and GPCA Facebook pages in due course.

Cycle track

I am sure many of you will have seen or used the new cycle track on the edge of the Meadow. It is certainly proving to be a popular leisure resource for local residents and visitors.

There was much debate before and during the consultation phase about how the track area should be reinstated after construction. The promotional material produced for the track made much of opportunities for "ecological enhancement". However Woking Council has decided initially to rely on whatever seeds are present in the top soil to reinstate the area's plant diversity. Consequently the track site looks pretty barren at the moment.

My own view is that this is an opportunity missed. There is no doubt the site's biodiversity will be reduced if only because of the considerable increase in human activity. At least efforts can be made to restore the level of plant diversity previously present and hence invertebrate diversity. Only time will tell what if anything the seedbank will produce, and I feel the council could and indeed should have taken a more considered and proactive approach to reinstatement.

Reseeding with bespoke grass/wildflower mix was proposed by NGP but the council has made no firm commitment to follow this up. It seems no thought has been given to compensating for the natural habitat lost below the hard surfaced tracks (which are generally much wider than the initial design proposals) by creating new or enhancing existing biodiversity around the Meadow and woods.

Disappointing for a council that in 2019 declared a climate change and ecological emergency.

With the very dry weather we have been experiencing in recent weeks there is little evidence of any active regrowth at the moment. The patches of grass that can be seen are mainly pre-existing growth that was overlaid with topsoil. Reinstatement will take considerable time and instant results cannot be expected. However, unless measures are taken to protect the areas of bare earth from foot and wheel traffic, successful regeneration of plant life across the site will be much more difficult to achieve.

Social Media

A reminder that you can keep up to date with what is going on in the natural world on Goldsworth Park through NGP's Facebook Group www.facebook.com/groups/naturalgoldsworthpark or at www.facebook.com/Natgoldsworth/



GPCA Chair announces retirement

Public meeting
April 20

LONG-SERVING GPCA officer Irene Watson announced at the public meeting on April 20 that she would be retiring as Chair and trustee at the AGM in October.

Irene told the meeting that it was nearly 30 years since she was first elected to the GPCA committee. She had been events organiser, secretary, editor of the Goldsworth News and, for the last nine years, Chair and charity trustee.

Irene said: "I do a lot of things that are not part of the Chair's responsibilities – I organise the litter picks, make all the arrangements for the Christmas tree in the shopping centre, act as membership secretary, and other little things like keeping the noticeboard outside Waitrose updated.

"These tasks do not have to be done by the Chair or even by a trustee. It would be easier for whoever becomes Chair if these other jobs were shared out.

"We recently put a call out for people to volunteer to help with events – not run the events, just help out, – in *Goldsworth News*, on our website and the Facebook Group but we did not get one reply.

"I do ask you to think about whether you have a little time to spare for the community. If you have, please contact me to find out what is involved. If a lot of people do a little then no one person has to do a lot."

Irene said that the GPCA was also in need of at least a

couple of new trustees to get back to the seven in place when the Association became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The maximum number permitted is nine and the minimum three. Trustees are elected by the members to manage the charity, not to undertake specific roles.

Most of the trustees do have specific roles – Chair, treasurer, editor, etc., but this is not a requirement – only the Chair and treasurer have to be Trustees. Trustees use their skills and experience in the most appropriate way to benefit the Charity.

Irene added: "I am asking you to think about becoming a trustee of the GPCA – I am sure we don't want to get back to the situation we were in not long before we became a CIO when there were only two trustees and the Association was on the brink of closing down. Please contact me if you would like to know more."

The Chair then told the meeting that *Goldsworth News* editor George Binyon was standing down after five years. The post had been widely advertised but had drawn no response. The News had been published in various forms for over 40 years and it would be a shame if it ceased now.

Other issues raised at the meeting included the Lakers site (See story page 8), dangerous parking at junctions, lighting around the lake and the Tribe project (See page 8).

The full minutes of the meeting are available on our website www.ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk

Christina's wheelchair appeal



MANY of you will have seen Park resident Christina Candey at the shops, in church or around the lake in her electric wheelchair.

Christina, who is the volunteer advertising manager for Goldsworth News, has Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a muscle wasting disease which affects all the muscles in her body. She cannot stand, walk, or move independently. She depends on her wheelchair



CHRISTINA CANDEY

not only to get from place to place but to move her body into positions that enable her to carry out simple functions like using an iPad, washing her hands and eating, and also to relieve the pain that grows worse when she sits in the same position for any length of time.

Her Balder wheelchair meets these needs, giving her an element of independence, but it is reaching the end of its useful life and should be replaced. The new version of her wheelchair costs £27,000.

So far, she has raised £9,000 but still has £18,000 to go, so she has set up a fundraiser through gofundme. Any financial help that you can give will all go towards the purchase of this new wheelchair. Christina knows that it is a big ask and says that any help she gets would be fantastic.

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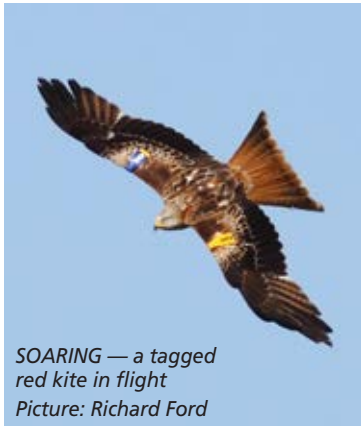
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SOARING — a tagged red kite in flight
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LOOK up to the sky over Goldsworth Park on any moderately clear day and it won't be long before you catch sight of a red kite.

This awe-inspiring bird of prey is seen soaring gracefully and effortlessly, sometimes at a great height, occasionally just above the rooftops. You can often follow one for several minutes as it soars in a series of circles, never flapping its wings but making use of thermals (rising currents of warm air) – just as a glider pilot does.

Rarely seen here until just a couple of decades ago, the red kite has become a familiar sight in our local skies and fascination for many. When seen as a dark silhouette in the sky, it is easily identified by its forked tail. If flying low, especially in sunlight, you can clearly see its reddish brown body. The wings are brown above and unmistakable beneath with bands of red, black and white.

Although usually flying alone or as a pair, groups of red kites are sometimes seen: on occasions I've seen as many as six soaring as a group over Goldsworth Park.

Red kites used to breed across much of the UK, but persecution over a 200-year period saw numbers fall as they were hunted close to extinction, while their eggs were a target for egg collectors. By the 1980s, the red kite was one of only three globally threatened species in the UK. Now a protected species, their fortunes have changed after a reintroduction programme.

Keith Betton, Chairman of the Hampshire Ornithological Society and the Hampshire County Bird Recorder, kindly shared with me details of the red kite's recovery. He explained that when numbers declined due to persecution they became confined in the UK to a small population in central Wales which were all closely related – so much so that Wales was considered the red kite's "UK habitat".

Keith said: "All the red kites in Southern England today are descendants of young birds released in the Chilterns about 30 years ago."

The birds were bred in Germany and Spain, having been taken from various nests to minimise future interbreeding with members of the same family.

Altogether, 93 young birds were released over five years, starting in 1989. They have thrived and the breeding population has steadily built up ever since. Like a cup overflowing, they have spread from the Chilterns across Southern England.

Keith added: "Red kites are doing better now in Surrey and Hampshire than they ever did in Wales. They start breeding at two years old, typically laying three eggs, or fewer where there's competition from others in the vicinity. They like areas with sheep

because they like to line their nests with wool, but it's not critical."

In Hampshire, where he is County Bird Recorder, Keith estimates there are 500 breeding pairs, "plus 1000 chicks from the previous two years which are reaching breeding age. The Surrey population is smaller but increasing."

I asked Keith about the groups of six I have seen flying together over Goldsworth Park. He said: "These are likely to be young birds born last year. Their first year of life is spent mapping the area. And if one finds food the others can pounce too."

Rather than hunting for and killing food, red kites are largely scavengers. In addition to eating dead mammals and birds, they have seized opportunities to dine on our leftovers. After their reintroduction into the Chilterns, red kites became renowned for congregating in large groups around roadside cafés where waste food was being left out for them. During a family picnic in the western Chilterns we watched twelve soaring in the skies around us, most likely congregating to benefit from a regular feeding station locally.



YOUNG RAPTOR — Keith Betton with a red kite chick
Picture: Keith Betton

However, the website for the Chilterns Area of Natural Beauty (AONB) warns against feeding red kites, as it can encourage the birds to become dependent on scraps which will not give them all the nutrients they need. It also warns: "Large numbers attracted to food can become a public nuisance and may encourage persecution."

Meanwhile the RSPB's website reveals that poisoning is the most frequent cause of death of red kites in England. It says: "Red kites are especially vulnerable to the modern rodenticides used to control rats, since they are skilled in finding the corpses of poisoned rats."

Nevertheless the red kite reintroduction project has been a fantastic example of conservation in action. Whereas up to 30 years ago anyone wanting to see a red kite had to make a special journey to a handful of sites, today it is a daily sight for millions of people – lucky Goldsworth Park residents among them!



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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.



EARLY April saw the Goldsworth Park Angling Club hold its first work party of the year.

More than 20 members made an early start on both the Saturday and Sunday, all eager to get their hands dirty and backs aching, as there was plenty to do.

After those storms we all suffered back in late March, there was more than our fair share of fallen branches to be cleared, six truck loads to be precise. These were all stacked and then chipped a few days later. The club can use the new stock of wood chips to top dress the remaining six angling platforms that we were not able to clear and dress earlier as we had run out of chips. Club members will finish the job as soon as they have a few hours to spare. Well done guys, great job.

We were keen to get as much work round the lake done before the breeding season got well and truly underway so as not to disturb any nesting birds. Some had already started including a pair of swans, so while on site we erected a stock fence round the nest site, in the hope to help keep them undisturbed from prying eyes. Signs were also put up asking people to keep well away but sadly the signs had the complete opposite effect by drawing attention to the nest location.

Within a couple of days the signs were removed, lesson learned, now to date they appear to have been left in peace. It



NEW FAMILY — greylag geese and their four goslings

can take 35 to 40 days before the eggs hatch of which we think there are two or three, being about right for what we believe to be first year breeders, let us wish them well.

The swans are of course not the only breeding birds on the lake, greylag geese nested on the island and now have four little goslings, and two pairs of great crested grebe over the last few weeks have been sitting. In fact on May 4 one pair of grebe were seen with chicks on mum's back, little black striped squeaking fluff balls. There are also several families of coot and moorhen dotted round the lake with many more to come over the coming days and weeks, I'm sure.

It is without doubt a busy time of year for all wildlife, both flora and fauna, birds nesting, fish spawning, mammals breeding, insects waking from winter to multiply, plants and trees bursting back to life. Now is the time to get out there with eyes wide open, ears pricked up, go for a stroll and enjoy the wonders nature has to offer.

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Concerns over Lakers site

THE lack of progress on the redevelopment of the Lakers site has sparked concerns from the Goldsworth Park Guides and Scouts who are based at the neighbouring Generation Centre.

Lakers Youth Centre was badly damaged by fire in January 2018 and only demolished at the end of last year.

Surrey County Councillor Lance Spencer (Goldsworth East and Horsell Village) raised the matter with the council and got this response: "No current decision has been made on the future use of the site, however we are undertaking an initial property feasibility for use of the site as an option for adult accommodation. Given the number of site reviews across Surrey, we are not expecting to receive a response from the adult services department until summer / autumn."

There have been suggestions that a new building could be used for accommodation for care leavers with some youth facilities on the ground floor.

Hilary Harris is the Goldsworth Park Cub Scout leader and is also on the Guide and Scout Committee who manage the Generation Centre on behalf of the Scouts Association.

Hilary said: "There is a lack of information about what is going on. I can't

find out any plans or any information on what is being suggested building-wise. You are not going to tell me there is nothing in place. They must have some building plans somewhere but I can't seem to find them and I've questioned a couple of people on the council and nobody seems to know where you can get the information. And then things happen like the demolition. Yes, we were notified, but it was like about a week before.

"My concern is that we've got young children there so we need to know if there are vulnerable adults going into the building. I want to know what is being put into place to make it safe and secure for our young people when they are on site.

"It would just be nice to know and be told. There must be somebody there that is making the decisions. To my knowledge there have been no consultations for two years on what people want in there.

"Also when Lakers was opened by Surrey we shared the upkeep of the access road with the church and Lakers. Now that is reduced to just us and the church."

Cllr Spencer said: "I am keen that the residents' view that the ground floor should be available for some form of youth services should be considered alongside the initial feasibility being run by Surrey County Council."



INFERNO — Lakers at the height of the fire in 2018

New Tribe on the Park!

TRIBE has now launched in Goldsworth Park!

Tribe is an online way to help you find local groups, activities and voluntary support in Goldsworth Park and across Woking.

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Car wash moments!

Rev Malcolm Herbert

AS a retired vicar my life has been shaped quite a bit by someone we call 'God' and something we call 'church'.

The other Sunday I had a very moving experience of both. It happened in a drive through car wash. No I haven't finally lost the plot.

Journeying in the music on the car radio became quite rhythmic and 'other worldly' — though it wasn't an overtly religious piece. No choir, no organ just strings and piano.

As the soap suds and water cascaded around, I felt a deep sense of 'presence'. Then as warm air blew off the grimey particles the interior of the car was bathed in peace. Note: my grandchildren weren't with me!

This experience was a lovely reminder that 'spiritual' moments are not restricted to particular buildings and places. Christianity

for instance is a very earthy faith. In Jesus, God comes to meet with us whoever and wherever we are.

After the car wash I went to St Andrew's. Why? Because church is not just about personal experiences. Church is about belonging to a community of ordinary people who seek to experience God's love in the reality of daily living and being committed to sharing love and serving others. My car wash moment is the 'value added' as it were. I hope there will be more!

Malcolm



Andrew's Church

Brockhill back in business

BROCKHILL'S community day centre is back in business — and everyone is welcome!

Following a two-year closure due to the pandemic, the centre, housed in Brockhill's extra care sheltered accommodation in Clifton Way, reopened in April.

Visits to Brockhill had previously been limited to guests of tenants in the interest of public safety.

Open Monday to Friday, between 9.30am and 3.30pm, Brockhill gives elderly and vulnerable Woking residents the chance to take part in various activities whilst making new friends and having a bite to eat.

The café is open weekdays from 10.15am offering a selection of teas and coffee, light bites and cake, whilst at noon, a two-course lunch is served for as little as £5.50.

Activities throughout the day include bingo, boccia, seated dance, movies, quizzes, golf and more, with special seasonal events also taking place throughout the year. The full timetable of activities can be viewed online.

Thursdays are especially popular, as the on-site hair salon opens, offering deals on haircuts and care.

Michelle Chilcott, Independent Living & Extra Care Manager at Brockhill, said: "I am so excited to finally see the day centre at Brockhill full of life and laughter again after these past two years. It will be a pleasure to see old faces back whilst welcoming newcomers.

"We are committed to supporting all Woking residents and reopening Brockhill's day centre was a priority, once it was safe to do so, as the social opportunities that our day centres present are important to many who otherwise may be subject to loneliness.

"Anyone who is interested in finding out more can pop in for a chat to learn more and come to see for themselves what they can get involved in. There is never a dull moment at Brockhill!"

Transport can be arranged to the centre, including a door-to-door pick-up and drop-off service for £5.40 per day, via Woking Community Transport. To arrange transport to Brockhill, call 01483 743975 or visit www.wokingbustler.org.uk

At least 24 hours' notice prior to your journey is necessary if booking the Bustler.

For more information about Brockhill visit www.woking.gov.uk/brockhill



SPACE TO RELAX — Brockhill boasts a large and tranquil garden



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▶ Cllr Oades is Park's new rep

GOLDSWORTH PARK'S new Woking Councillor is LibDem Stephen Oades who ousted Conservative Chitra Rana with a majority of 812 in the borough election on May 5.

LibDem election successes in the borough means they now have a controlling majority on the council which is now led by another Goldsworth Park councillor, Ann-Marie Barker.

Cllr Oades said: "My priorities are related to priorities for the whole borough.

"Woking currently has debts of approximately £1.9 billion, making it the third most indebted borough in the country. A financial review has been carried out which investigated some areas of concern. We must look in detail at the level and structure of the debt in order to assess the affordability.

"During canvassing many people complained at the level of car parking charges in Woking, some stating that they even preferred to drive to Horsham. Clearly with the amount spent on the development

of the town centre it is important to encourage people to make use of the shopping and hospitality on offer.

"I recently went to one of the new restaurants on a Saturday evening and although the food and service were excellent, less than a third of the tables were occupied. In my view car parking charges should be adjusted so that they do not act as a deterrent to people visiting the town centre.

"Regarding the environment, we have targets for carbon reduction – but on a more basic level we noticed that several areas in Goldsworth Park were blighted by fly tipping. We want to deploy more cameras and impose fines on the culprits so that this anti-social behaviour stops.

"We want to improve the play areas in Goldsworth Park and in particular offer improved facilities for children with disabilities."

GPCA Chair Irene Watson said: "The association would like to congratulate Cllr Oades on his election to the council.

We would also like to thank Chitra for his efforts on behalf of Goldsworth Park residents over the last seven years."



CLLR STEPHEN OADES

▶ Cycle track a big hit

GOLDSWORTH PARK'S refurbished cycle track, opened on April 23 is proving popular with all age groups.

The £120,000 track, funded by Woking Council and British Cycling is free to use with open access most of the time.

Funding conditions require that formal coaching is provided, so the track will not be open to the public when Woking Cycle Club and Charlotteville Rascals are using it. This will only be for a few hours at weekends.



FIRST USE — testing the track on day one

*HELPING HAND —
PCSO's Rosheen Lewis and
James Crisp were on site to
security mark cycles*



ID now needed at tip



SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL has taken action to stop non-residents from using its community recycling centres.

If you wish to use Goldsworth Park's local centre at Martyrs Lane or any other Surrey site you will need to show ID that proves you live in the county.

The Surrey Residents Scheme has been introduced to save the £500,000 a year it costs to dispose of waste brought to recycling centres from non-residents.

Surrey say that acceptable ID is a driving licence, current council tax bill, a recent utility bill or a Surrey bus pass.

Surrey started introducing automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) technology to 13 of its 15 recycling centres in March. The system will capture and read an image of visitors' vehicle number plates to enable monitoring of usage and to assist in identifying unauthorised users.

91 bus service improved

BUS operator Stagecoach have announced an improved timetable for the 91 that runs from Sainsbury's in Knaphill to Woking Station through Goldsworth Park.

Weekday services will now run every 12 minutes at peak time (allowing for increased traffic) and every 10 minutes off peak. Saturday services will be every 12 minutes until late afternoon when they will be every 15 minutes. Sunday and Bank Holiday services will be every 20 minutes.

The bus will also revert to travelling down Lockfield Drive.

Stagecoach took over the 91 route from Arriva in December last year and soon ran into difficulties due to driver shortages.

MEMBERS of the GPCA manned the refreshment shop in the community hall during the Woking Hospice dragon boat racing and family fun day on May 15. The shop and soft drink stall together raised over £600. Pictured from left: Julie Cole, Jamie Sharpley, Julie Newsam and Irene Watson, GPCA Chair.



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Seymours Soccer Aid 2022 Raises £1,500 For Woking & Sam Beare Hospices



This year Seymours launched our inaugural Soccer Aid for Woking & Sam Beare Hospice and Wellbeing Care, raising money to help deliver palliative and end of life care to people living in North west Surrey.

For Seymours Soccer Aid 2022, Seymours Residential Sales took on their opponents in Residential Lettings and Land & New Homes departments. The event was hosted by Woking

Football Club in their iconic stadium and supported by a 200 strong collection of passionate friends and family, harnessed the power of football to make sure thousands of patients, their carers and families throughout Surrey can continue to get the care they so desperately need.

Phil Wormley, Director of Fundraising for Woking & Sam Beare Hospices commented: "We were delighted to be a part of this really special and fun event at Woking Football Club seeing the different teams from Seymour's battle it out under the floodlights. It was great to see everyone having such a good time and we are hugely grateful to all of the participants and everyone involved at Seymour's for their generosity and support which will help us to continue to deliver exceptional care to patients from across North West Surrey."

After announcing a 3 year extension to Seymours sponsorship of Woking FC, we



need to say a big thank you to the football club for hosting the event, which raised £1,502 on the night with more donations continuing to come in from players, friends and family alike.

This brilliant total brings us one step closer to our pledge to raise £25,000 in 2022 for Woking & Sam Beare Hospices, with more news to come on fundraising events we're holding throughout the year.



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www.seymours.com/woking-sam-beare-hospice

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