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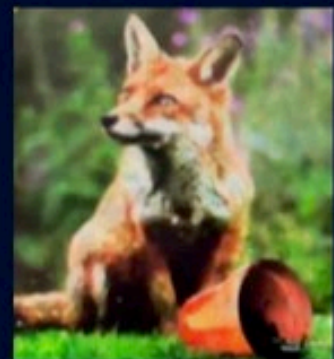
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GPCA CIO MEETINGS

Next public meeting April 19th at The Lodge at 7.30pm.

Membership of the GPCA is required to receive details of forthcoming meetings. Contact chair@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk for information on how to join.

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Views from the Chair

AFTER giving up the editorship of this magazine after five years last summer, I had planned to remain with the GPCA solely as a trustee.

However, after Irene Watson's retirement from the Chair last October, I found myself as the only trustee without a specific role. The Chair needed to be occupied – so here I am.

I'm no stranger to Goldsworth Park having lived here since the late seventies and seen the estate develop into an established and settled community.

The trustees are determined to see that the GPCA continues to be an effective organisation as we move forward in a digital age with the ever-growing use of social media.

There is no denying that attendances at our public meetings have been disappointing in recent years, but this has been offset to some extent by the rapid growth of our Facebook Group which now has a membership of 1,500. The GPCA also maintains a digital presence with its website and Twitter account.

On page 4 you will find a letter from the trustees asking residents' views on how the GPCA can better serve the community. It also emphasises the need for more trustees and volunteers. I urge you to give it a read and get in touch.

Out and about I'm pleased to report that Natural Goldsworth Park, under the leadership of project manager Bob Challoner is making progress in talks with Woking Council and the Tree Council in a bid to obtain funding from Network Rail for the planting of copes of trees and shrubs to the Meadow side of the children's playground. NGP volunteers have also been working with landowners Thames Water to clear invasive cherry laurel around the woodland walk.

Unfortunately, there is some sad news to conclude my first Views from the Chair. Linda Hill, who had organised the distribution of this magazine since 2009, died last month. Linda, and husband Peter, a former GPCA treasurer, got the copies to our volunteer deliverers. The GPCA trustees send their sincere condolences to Peter and his family at this difficult time.

Our next community event is a litter pick on March 25th, meeting at The Lodge at 2pm.

The next GPCA public meeting is on April 19th at The Lodge at 7.30pm. Hope to see you there.

George Binyon

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Linda Hill 1960 – 2023



As mentioned by the Chair it is with regret that we announce the death of Linda Hill. Linda was close to our hearts in the GPCA; she organised the distribution of Goldsworth News from 2009 until her death.

Linda was born in Feltham but moved to St Johns as a baby. She attended The Hermitage School and The Winston Churchill School and worked for several local companies before she married Peter in 1981. They moved to their first house in Goldsworth Park in 1982 and moved twice more as their family grew but stayed on the Park. Linda ceased employment while

her two daughters were young and then became a part-time Teaching Assistant, first at Beaufort School and later at Freemantles School where she remained until 2011.

In 2011, she suffered an aortic dissection and was close to death by the time she had an emergency operation, during which she had a stroke. Four more operations and several TIAs and strokes followed. Despite the effects on her health and strength, she remained very positive, enjoying being with her family and friends, and continuing to help with the distribution of Goldsworth News.

She took great comfort from her membership of **Aortic Dissection Awareness UK & Ireland**, a charity where she played an active role in the support group. Rather than flowers at her funeral which was held on 23rd February, the family suggested donations to **Aortic Dissection Awareness UK & Ireland** at <https://linda-ann-hill.muchloved.com/> Linda is survived by her husband, Peter, two daughters and three grandchildren, mother and sister.

Irene Watson



The GPCA needs YOU!



THE Trustees of Goldsworth Park Community Association feel we need to inform residents more fully about the GPCA, its aims, and how it is performing.

According to its Constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), its core objectives are to promote the benefit of the community and promote the preservation, development and improvement of the character and amenities of the area.

The charity can have a maximum of nine trustees, and must have a minimum of three. Currently there are only four. If the GPCA is to continue as an effective organisation it needs to recruit more trustees and see an increase in participation from residents. If you would like more information on the work of the trustees or to become involved, please contact the Chair at the email address below.

Last year the quarterly public meetings attracted between 16 and 17 registered member residents. That number was often exceeded by corporate members and councillors. On a more encouraging note the GPCA Facebook Group has reached a membership of 1,500, although membership of this group does not constitute membership of the GPCA. Taking into account the preference of residents to communicate via social media and the disappointing attendance at public meetings, there will be two this year, on April 19th and the AGM in October on a date to be decided.

Membership of the GPCA is free and members receive emails with meeting agenda and minutes and news of events such as litter picks. To become a registered member as required under the constitution just send your name and address and email to **community@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk**

GPCA has successfully lobbied WBC and SCC councillors to improve the conditions of our roads, promote the use of yellow lines to prevent parking in dangerous areas and lobbied for better lighting around the lake. We are very grateful to our councillors for their long-standing support and help.

GPCA has also organised regular litter picks, supported Woking Hospice by serving teas and cakes at the annual Dragon Boat Races, laying a wreath at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday and helping to source and decorate the Christmas tree for the shopping centre.

The Natural Goldsworth Park project, led by Bob Challoner, is actively involved with stakeholders to preserve, maintain and improve Goldsworth Park's open spaces as a haven for residents and wildlife.

There is much more that we would like to be able to do, and we invite you, as residents to tell us where you think we should be concentrating our efforts. Please do this by contacting George Binyon at **chair@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk** or Celia Young at **secretary@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk**

As Trustees of GPCA, we firmly believe that the association meets a need in Goldsworth Park, but in order to continue to be an effective body we need more participation from you, the residents of Goldsworth Park. Please support us in our aims.

Here are the dates of some upcoming events:

Saturday March 25th 2.00pm to 4.00pm: Litter pick. Please meet at The Lodge for a safety briefing. Litter pickers and hi-viz jackets are provided. Please wear stout footwear and gloves. Children are welcome, but must stay with a responsible adult. Stay for as long as suits you. Make this a family affair.

Wednesday April 19th 7.30pm: GPCA public meeting at The Lodge. All residents are warmly invited. Come and meet other residents and our local and SCC councillors, and have your say on local matters.

With best wishes from the Trustees of GPCA.

George Binyon (Chair)

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Goodbye Cherry Laurel

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Cherry Laurel in flower

Cherry Laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*) is a non-native, evergreen shrub commonly planted as hedging in gardens and public spaces. It is extremely invasive- seeds are carried by the wind so distribution from a single plant is widespread. Cherry Laurel is toxic to wildlife (and humans) if ingested so it grows unchecked, shading out understorey plants and preventing woodland regeneration. Consequently, it is of little if any ecological value. The plants in the wood originate from the hedge line planted along the Lake path in the 1980s. It is commonly found growing "wild" across Goldsworth Park, for example around the Lake and in the woodland between the Lake and shopping centre.

The results of the day's work are easily seen if you walk the woodland path. Please do not disturb the stacks of cuttings. There still remain young plants at the Meadow end of the wood, and we hope to organise another work party to tackle this later in the year.

Bad News for Butterflies

Butterfly Conservation has recently issued its report "The State of the UK's Butterflies 2022" and the findings make sad reading. 80% of butterfly species across the UK have declined in abundance since the 1970s, with England and those species requiring particular habitats faring the worst. Local conservation schemes have reversed the trend for some, but the overall picture is gloomy and indicative of the general decline in the UK's biodiversity.

Surveys of the Meadow and woodland have recorded half the number of butterfly species found across Surrey, so we are very fortunate to have such a broad diversity over a relatively small area. We can all help to sustain that diversity by growing plants in our gardens that attract pollinators, and by not clearing leaf litter or cutting branches and flower stems until late Spring, thereby giving overwintering adult butterflies and pupae the best chance of surviving.

Tree Planting

We are sorry to report that due to the Council's very slow progress in applying for Network Rail funding, our target of planting trees across the Meadow in December was missed and is now very unlikely to happen before the end of the tree planting season in March. Planting trees after that time is not recommended.

The NGP project management team met Council officers in February and we have agreed a series of actions and deadlines to enable planting over National Tree Planting Week in November/December this year. Hopefully this timetable will be adhered to.

Grant funding will also be sought for removing the afore-mentioned Cherry Laurel hedging along the Lake path to prevent further incursion into the wood and to open up its south side to daylight

which will hopefully promote new ground cover growth. It is planned to replace the Cherry Laurel with native hedging.

Foxes

A NGP Facebook Group member recently drew attention to the plight of a group of foxes which is often seen on the former Lakers site. They are suffering from mange and he is trying to gain access to the site to administer medication. Hopefully he will be successful. It is great to find local residents taking an active interest in supporting and helping the Park's wildlife.



One of the unwell foxes
(photo by Conor Macleod)

Facebook Group

The NGP Facebook Group membership continues to grow. Whilst the page tends to focus on the wildlife seen on the Lake, Meadow and woodland, contributions about wildlife seen across Goldsworth Park as a whole or in your garden are very welcome. Go to www.facebook.com/groups/naturalgoldsworthpark if you would like to join.




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News from St Andrew's by Revd Scott Smith

Greetings Goldsworth Park!

As I type, the mornings are full of freezing fog, which is beautiful in its own way if you can withstand the wind-chill! However, there are signs too that spring is on its way as flowers slowly emerge to seek the light.

I wonder if you've found the time to pause, to stop even, and warm yourself (as I have) in the sun's warmth when it breaks through.

By the time this edition reaches you, Easter won't be too far off. So as we move into spring, with Easter on the horizon, it feels appropriate to remind us all that from beginning to end God is love.

God loves you. God is on your side. God will never give up on you.

At Easter (Easter Day is April 9th this year) we see God's love for each and every one of us poured out, as Jesus is nailed to a Roman cross and in response says, 'Father, forgive'.

Three days later, on that first Easter Day, new life, new creation bursts out of the tomb, as Jesus comes through death and out the other side.

Easter is the great turning point of history. It's the time when God gave up his own life to defeat death and restore hope for us all.

From beginning to end God is love.

This Easter at St Andrew's, we've a variety of different services at which you'd be very welcome to join us.



Easter 2023 at St Andrew's

Wednesday, 5th April 10am | 'Messy' Easter – A time to celebrate the story of Easter with crafts, activities, music and food. All ages welcome.

Thursday, 6th April 7:30pm | A service of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday

Friday, 7th April 10am | 'For God so loved the world...'
An Altogether Good Friday service for every one and every age.

Friday, 7th April 2pm | 'An Hour At The Cross' on Good Friday:
A simple, reflective service with readings and quiet.

Sunday, 9th April 10am | Altogether Easter Day Celebration with Holy Communion

Jesus' death and resurrection is the climax of his mission on earth and is, of course, the focus of our Easter celebrations – celebrations of the surprising and life-changing ways in which God was, and is, demonstrating his deep love for the world and for every person in it.

Our prayer at St Andrew's is that (however you celebrate this Easter), you would know the great love that God has for you, and of the new life on offer through Jesus.

As well, outside of the festivals and celebrations, there's always plenty of life going on at St Andrew's week-by-week which you may not realise. You are really welcome to come and join in.

Andy's Community Cafe | Our friendly community cafe, Andy's, is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays (10am-2:30pm) during term-time. We serve great barista coffees, a selection of teas, homemade cakes and snacks, plus a menu where you pay what you can afford - no questions asked – so no one goes hungry!

Andy's 'Out of Hours' | Live music and entertainment in the comfort of Andy's Community Cafe, with a licensed bar and food. Dates for 2023 are 1st April, 3rd June, 5th August, 7th October, 2nd December. Starts at 7:30pm. Tickets are FREE (Donations accepted) but book here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/andys-out-of-hours-tickets-280734894627>

Toddler Groups | We have two groups that meet each week in term-time in the A2 hall, next to our main church building. We have a good selection of toys and ride-ons, and have craft and singing activities each week. Free parking is available in the large Waitrose car park. There's also a covered Buggy park just outside the entrance. FREE (suggested donation £2.00 per family). Monday & Wednesday: 10.00-11.30am. For information email toddlers@standrewsgwp.org

Art Club | Meets every Thursday at 1pm-3pm in term-time and Bump & Beyond | A relaxed group on Fridays for mums-to-be and mums with babies not yet walking: offering support and an opportunity to make friends and to share experiences. Fun for babies with toys and activities. Drinks and biscuits. Bump & Beyond meets in the Andy's Community Cafe space. FREE (suggested donation £1.00 per family). Free parking in the Waitrose car park. Friday: 10am-11.30am For information email bumpandbeyond@standrewsgwp.org welcomes all levels and abilities. An opportunity to meet and make new friends in a safe space. FREE. For more information email charles.duncan.twigg@gmail.com

Coffee & Chat | Meets on the first Tuesday of every month in term-time (10:30am-12midday) in Andy's Community Cafe space as a welcoming place to meet, chat and make new friends.

Craft Cafe | Meets every Thursday in term-time (10-11:30am) in Andy's Community Cafe. All welcome - craft materials supplied.

Messy Church | Crafts, activities, music and food. All ages welcome. FREE Dates for 2023 are 11th June, 10th September, 10th December. Starts at 3pm.

Mum's Bible Study | Meets fortnightly on a Thursday morning in the St Andrew's chapel. For more information, contact Karin by emailing children@standrewsgwp.org

Senior's Events | Our 'Silver-Service' team run two events each term. Usually one lunch and one tea. This is a wonderful welcoming place to meet, chat and make new friends. The next event is a tea on April 6th starting at 2pm. For more information and to book email pastoral@standrewsgwp.org

St Andrew's exists to serve our local community, and so if you know of a need where the church might be able to help, do email our Community Worker, Patrick at community@standrewsgwp.org

Finally, may you know God's overwhelming love and new hope this Easter-time.



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Each boat can hold a crew of 16 and a drummer and the minimum number of rowers is 12. Registration for the event is already underway. The minimum age to take part is 12 and all participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. There is no upper age limit!

Race day is a fund-raising event for the hospice and the fee for each rower in a team is £35 and it is asking teams to raise a minimum of £200 through sponsorship. Each team will get to compete in at least three races before moving on to the finals.

Most teams in past race days have competed in fancy dress which adds colour and excitement to the event that attracts large crowds to the banks of the lake.

To register a team go to: <https://wsbhospices.co.uk/support-us/get-involved/events/event-registration/?eid=20895>

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A personal view

Royer Slater



We're a lucky lot, living in Goldsworth Park. New government plans to restore nature include an ambition for everyone to live within 15 minutes' walk of a green space or water. All of us here can tick that box!

The Environmental Improvement Plan 2023 includes other commitments, including creating and restoring at least 2000 square miles of new wildlife habitats nationally.

Fortunately for us, Goldsworth Park was planned with green open areas around homes, wide green verges to roads and footpaths, a large recreation ground and several wooded areas. We also have a beautiful lake.

We have lots of mature trees: not only from many thousands planted in the 1970s and 1980s when the estate was developed but also many older trees that were already here. We also have the North Meadow, a more recent initiative maintained and enhanced through the Natural Goldsworth Park project, supported by the GPCA.

We even have a beautiful arboretum: The Basingstoke Canal runs along the southern part of Goldsworth Park during its journey right through the heart of Woking. 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.

Nearby we can walk in Woking's other green spaces such as Horsell Common, Woking Park, St John's Lye, Brookwood Country Park and even the wild spaces of Brookwood Cemetery.

Slightly further afield, we are surrounded by many other wonderful "wild" areas where we can relax and explore: heathlands, woodlands and riversides. And of course the Surrey Hills Area of Natural Beauty (AONB) provides a variety of wildlife habitats, as well as viewpoints with distant views and opportunities for many long

and short distance walks within gorgeous countryside.

Perhaps you take all these places for granted if you were brought up locally. I moved to Woking from North Cambridgeshire's bland, flat agricultural landscape 40 years ago, and I still recall the excitement of discovering and exploring the wide variety of beautiful open countryside in this part of Surrey. Who wouldn't be after growing up on the edge of the Fens, with their flat treeless landscapes!

Did you know that Surrey is Britain's leafiest county? That was the finding of an exhaustive tree count using aerial mapping technology imagery in 2014. It revealed that the highest concentration of trees was not in rural areas but in Surrey and Greater London.

Almost a third (31 per cent) of Surrey is covered in trees, well ahead of Exeter (20.5 per cent) and London (20 per cent) in second and third place. Woking is 37 per cent covered, making it the fifth leafiest district in the UK, while numbers one to four are our neighbours: Surrey Heath, Waverley, Bracknell and Runnymede.

Returning to the new Environmental Improvement Plan, it seems to me unlikely any of the major nature recovery projects it promises will be coming our way, as west Surrey already has many nature reserves, and numerous Sites of Special Scientific Interest which indicate conservation areas where some of the most important habitats and species can be found. However, as the climate changes and the risk of droughts and wildfires increases, heathland such as at Chobham Common will require more protection. In addition, wildlife habitats have become increasingly fragmented by development and changes in land use, so species are unable to spread.

However, there are many initiatives to reverse those trends in Surrey – as I've reported several times in my weekly features in the Woking News & Mail. A new People's Postcode Lottery-funded scheme, Space4Nature, is being rolled out initially on Chobham Common: Surrey Wildlife Trust and its partners in the project will use detailed mapping of habitats to help connect and restore wildlife habitats there and at other places in Surrey.

Several studies have shown that being close to nature is good for our health and wellbeing. It's been uplifting to see green shoots and early flowers while out and about near my home recently, to see robins taking nesting materials into hedges and hearing the male blackbirds announcing themselves with their melodious song from the treetops.

Spring is here – and we're lucky to live here to experience it!

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This year the Club is holding its Open Day on Saturday 15th April 2023 between 9.45 am and 12 noon.

This is a sport for all, young and old, men and women, all ranges of athleticism. The majority of people who give bowls a go at any age absolutely love it and wonder why they never took it up earlier.

Please come along and give it a go! This represents a chance to get out, get active and try something new with absolutely no obligation or cost – you've got nothing to lose and you will not regret it!"

The club is very easy to find in Queen Elizabeth Gardens, High Street, Horsell, next to the Village Hall and opposite The Crown.

All equipment will be provided, just wear flat shoes. If you require any further details contact Alison on 01483 720201 or email a.ferries@sky.com.

▶ Cllr James Sanderson – Thank you



James Sanderson has been one of the local councillors for Goldsworth Park for nearly three years, during which time he has been a loyal supporter of the Goldsworth Park Community Association (GPCA). Sadly James has decided not to seek re-election in the local elections on May 4th.

James served on various Woking Borough Council committees and panels during his term as a councillor. He was Chair and Vice Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Chair of the Licensing Committee, Chair of the Finance Task Group, and a member of the Military Covenant Advisory Panel and the Victoria Square Oversight Panel, as well as various other ad hoc working groups.

As Chair of Overview and Scrutiny, James oversaw the review of Woking Council's finances, carried out by the professional services firm EY, which highlighted the financial challenges ahead for the Council. He raised the need for scrutiny of the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) project to replace Victoria Arch and expand the road network around it, and set up a working group to look at aspects of the scheme. He also conducted a review of the Council's Housing Strategy, a performance assessment of Joint Waste Solutions local waste collection services and the Council's new playground strategy.

With a strong background in finance James had a lot to bring to his chairing of the Finance task group and was particularly involved in understanding the state of Woking's finances after COVID.

In Goldsworth Park, James worked with fellow councillors to tackle issues such as fly tipping, refuse collection, housing repairs and lighting, as well as helping to keep Goldsworth Park clean and tidy. He contributed to GPCA meetings and attended all of the litter picks.

As Chair of Lakeview Community Action Group, James has been involved with the Lakeview Community Centre. He helped to organise a very successful Open Day last October, relaunching the Centre after the pandemic. He is now setting up new activities at the Centre, to reach out to the local community. James is particularly pleased to see that Reach Up Together is now meeting again and that a youth club is being offered at the Centre.

James, the GPCA and residents of Goldsworth Park thank you for all you have done for us. We wish you well and will miss you.

▶ Goldsworth Park Girlguiding

Looking for a new club/group to join? Goldsworth Guiding is a friendly bunch who volunteer their time to put together a fun programme of activity, crafts and games whilst providing an opportunity chance for girls to make new friendships and build memories.



Goldsworth Guiding has a range of units which are Rainbows (5-7 years), Brownies (7-10 years) and Guides (10-14 years) that take place throughout the week during term time. The units meet on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday depending on the age group. Daytrips, sleepovers, and camps are often offered as fun optional events which are additional to the regular weekly meetings.

Goldsworth Guiding is also always looking for adult support across the various units. If you are 18+ and would like to give up a couple of hours a week and volunteer please do get in touch.

If you would like to join a unit or find out more please get in touch email gpbrownies4@hotmail.co.uk or register to join via this link <https://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-ember/gpbrownies4@hotmail.co.uk>

▶ Volunteer GPCA News deliverers sought

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More than just a meal

Woking's Community Meals Service is currently offering a free two-day trial for potential new clients to experience hassle-free meals and sample the food on offer.

Cllr Ellen Nicholson, Woking Borough Council's Portfolio Holder for Living Well, said: "Community Meals ensures residents can enjoy delicious, regular meals without worrying about how to prepare them. The service also provides a daily, friendly visit from a member of the team, and a key safe is also now included free of charge. This allows delivery drivers to enter, with the permission of the client, if they are unable to answer the door." Two course lunch is available from £5.80.

Based on a recent customer satisfaction survey, 96% of clients are happy with the service received by the delivery team, and 93% are happy with the quality of the meals.

Cllr Nicholson added: "If you, or someone you know, could benefit from this service, please get in touch to ask about the trial."

To qualify for this service, you must identify with one of the following:

- unable to cook for yourself and no one else is available to do so
- not motivated to cook and in danger of malnutrition
- unaware of the time or the need to eat regular meals
- unable to shop for your main meal requirements
- you are a carer who would be assisted by meal preparation.

Applications for this service can be made by you or anyone involved in your care. To apply please see the Community Meals Service advert on the adjacent page.

Goldsworth property market trends – a view

Seymours have enjoyed a positive start to 2023 in Goldsworth Park, agreeing 65% of all property sales in the area this year, as we remain the first choice for anyone looking to sell their home and continue to deliver a 5 star service and achieve premium prices for our clients.

There has understandably been a lot of mixed opinions on where property prices will go in 2023. We believe the majority of the re-alignment, in the wake of interest rate rises has now taken place. With interest rates now stabilised there are 33 properties for sale in Goldsworth Park at the time of writing and we expect that number to grow over the weeks and months ahead.

Whilst buyer demand for Goldsworth Park remains strong, the frantic market conditions fueled by the Stamp Duty Holiday are now gone, and it takes a more nuanced approach to achieve a sale. If the marketing price of a property is too high, even slightly, the level of interest and chances of a sale being agreed are more affected than ever. Marketing at the right price is critical to the

success of a property sale – a big change from the last couple of years where it seemed any property, at any price, still received viewings and interest.

Goldsworth Park has always been a popular location for many buyers for its variety of housing stock and the fact this area offers very good value for money in comparison to the town centre, two factors that will continue to make the area extremely attractive to buyers throughout 2023 and beyond. So if you're considering a move this year, Seymours would be delighted to offer you pragmatic, sensible advice on how to get your property sold, in a timescale that meets your needs – at the best possible price. For a free valuation please call us on 01483 757700 or email sales@seymours-woking.co.uk



Zo Khan
Partner

Dates for your diary

- **March 11th** – Surrey History Centre Open Day 10.30 to 15.00
- **March 25th** – GPCA litter pick. Meet at The Lodge 2pm – 4pm – See article on page 4
- **April 1st** – Andy's "Out of Hours" 7.30pm at Andy's Community Café – See item on page 6 to book your tickets
- **April 5th to 9th** – See Easter events at St Andrew's Church on page 6
- **April 6th** – Senior Event 2.00pm – See article on page 6
- **April 15th** – Horsell Bowling Club Open Day 9.45
- **April 19th** – GPCA public meeting. 7.30pm at The Lodge. All are welcome
- **May 4th** – Local elections. Don't forget your ID
- **May 14th** – Dragon Boat racing on Goldsworth Lake – See item on page 7
- **June 3rd** – Andy's "Out of Hours" 7.30pm at Andy's Community Café – See item on page 6 to book your tickets

For some of the regular events on Goldsworth Park see the article on page 6.

If you would like your event to be included in the next edition of Goldsworth News please email: editor@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk with the details. The editor will see if they can be included.



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