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Next public meeting 17th April 2024
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Views from the Chair



I AM pleased to report that the public toilets at the northern end of the lake, earmarked for closure by Woking Council next month as a cost-cutting measure, will now remain open thanks to Dianthus Trading.

After talks with the council, director Gary Rimay-Muranyi has agreed that Dianthus, a community interest company, will take over maintenance of the facilities. Dianthus manages The Lodge as well as its own building next door. The recreation area, as busy as it gets, badly needs toilets and the reprieve is good news for residents and visitors and the GPCA who successfully campaigned for their opening.

There is also some good news regarding the failed street lights on the lake footpath, one of which has been out since July last year. Woking Council has at last found a contractor to undertake the repairs. A site visit has been made and spare parts ordered.

Another of Woking Council's cost-cutting measures will be a reduction of street cleaning and litter collection. The GPCA will continue to organise litter picks and would hope to see more residents join the many who already take it upon themselves to pick litter to keep the Park looking clean and tidy.

GPCA social secretary Dueyna has now fixed a date for our planned family tea and cake get-together, Saturday March 23rd between 2 and 4pm at The Lodge. Please drop in for a free cuppa and bite to eat and meet other residents. It will be a good opportunity to raise any issues or concerns with GPCA trustees. I hope to see you there.

If you would like to be involved in the work of the GPCA feel free to contact me at **chair@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk**

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A personal view

Royer Slater



HOW friendly are you feeling? If you're out and about in Goldsworth Park, do you acknowledge strangers with a smile and a friendly "hello" or "hi"?

In Goldsworth News back in 2015, I proposed we try to be friendly to people we encounter. Some readers said they put my advice into practice. Let me repeat it.

Sometimes, I admit, I'm occupied in thought or my gaze or attention is distracted, or I'm rushing to get somewhere quickly. But when I DO greet someone, even a complete stranger, and they respond cheerily, it makes me feel happier – and I hope they feel the same.

After all, we humans are social animals. We have a need to "belong" and to share the company of other people. So, sharing a moment by greeting neighbours, friends and strangers alike is a good thing for them and us.

It's easier to ignore other people. In fact it's become socially unacceptable even to make eye contact in busy towns and cities, let alone offer a friendly greeting.

But Goldsworth Park is different because we're in a relatively small, shared community. A simple smile and greeting to someone could be the highlight of their day. They'll know you noticed them and that they matter. In some cases you may be the only person that whole day that has spoken to them or even acknowledged them. That's true of young people as well as senior citizens.

How to start? It may be a challenge at first, but try to make eye contact with people you encounter. Often it's not possible: some walk with their heads down, perhaps shy or wary of making contact; some are gazing at a phone; others are speaking to people walking with them, so I wouldn't dream of intruding.

When you DO make eye contact, just smile and say "hello!", "hi!", "morning!" or "afternoon!" That's all. If you're shy, just make eye contact, then smile or nod to show you've noticed them and you're being sociable.

In my experience most people respond likewise. If they don't, I hope it's because they've been caught off-guard.

After an initial greeting either of you might comment on the weather. We're away! You may even become engaged in a proper conversation – much more likely if they or you are with a child or dog which prompts a comment or question.

If you don't feel able initiate a greeting, at least respond if they greet you. If a stranger in Goldsworth Park makes eye contact, smiles and gives you a cheery "hello", I hope you'll smile back and return the greeting. That person might even be me – and I'm just trying to be friendly!

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Community well-being garden

A community well-being garden is being built outside St Andrew's Church at Goldsworth Park Shopping and Community Centre, with seating and plants for use by anyone in the community.

Julie May, a member of the St Andrew's Eco Group, explained: "Research has shown that spending time in green spaces such as gardens can improve mental and physical wellbeing by reducing stress and anxiety as we reflect on nature and take time to rest and enjoy it. Gardening also helps improve overall general health and fitness"

The well-being garden project is being managed by Julie and other members of the church's Eco Group, which steered the church's certification as an "Eco Church" in 2022. "The award recognises that St Andrew's church expresses care for God's world in many ways, including worship and teaching, ensuring our building is energy efficient and eco-friendly as possible, caring for its land with respect for wildlife, and through bonds with the local community.

"We decided last year to try and make the smaller of our two garden areas into a dual purpose space, both to help wildlife and to enhance the well-being of local residents. A church member put us in touch with the community engagement team at RHS Garden Wisley, which has been very supportive of the project and provided valuable advice as well as the raised beds which were repurposed from their former life in the glasshouse."

The church's Eco Group has created artists' impressions of what the garden could look like when finished.

Julie added: "The space will be for everyone to use, maybe a place to enjoy their lunch, to have a time of quiet reflection, to take a break in their day or while waiting for their prescription from the nearby pharmacy.

Many people feel close to God in creation and we hope to be able to help people do that in our well-being garden.

"We want to make it wheelchair friendly and to have accessible areas so people who have reduced mobility can exercise their gardening skills."

St Andrew's Eco Group is calling for volunteers to get involved – individuals to help with the groundworks and planting, and also suppliers who might provide materials, expertise and even manpower.

"Individuals may learn new skills while contributing to this community project – and well-being can result not only by enjoying the use of the garden but also being involved in creating it," added Julie.

Members of St Andrew's church have already been getting their hands dirty, following guidance and advice from RHS Garden Wisley. Volunteers have cleared away

existing plants and are planning to tackle the groundwork and to position the timber planter structures ready for planting in the spring. St Andrew's hopes to see the garden finished by the summer.

Julie explained: "There will be jobs we can't do ourselves and for which we need specialist help, such as putting down wheelchair friendly paths. We may also need funding to buy things we need to create the garden."

"It's important that we try to be as environmentally friendly as possible with the materials and to use the right plants, both for wildlife and to enhance well-being for the people who use the garden."

If you would like to help with the project, get in touch with Julie and the Eco Group at St Andrew's by email julie@standrewsgwp.org or call the church office on 01483 723879.



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From the Lakeside



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

It seems that since the beginning of 2024 we have been subjected to nothing but heavy rain and gales. Even as I write this, in mid-February, it is pouring down. But spring is just around the corner, with longer days and hopefully some sunshine to make us feel much better in ourselves and "full of the joys of spring".

The storms left a trail of damage in their wake, with garden fences destroyed and trees ripped apart. Several mature trees around the lake either fell completely or had large branches torn from them as though they were shedding leaves in the autumn, which left us with a lot of clearing-up to do.

After the worst of those storms at the beginning of January we (the angling club) formed work parties to clear as much of the fallen debris as possible and made safe any hanging branches, Serco and their tree specialists undertook the heavy work, having to fell some trees completely. There are now just two more trees to be worked on which are safe at the moment but will sadly need to be felled soon due to the extensive damage. On a more positive note, some of the larger branches will be laid into the margins of the lake. These make ideal areas for fish, birds and all kinds of insect and invertebrate to inhabit, which in turn helps raise the bio-diversity of the water.

Many thanks to all who came on the work party, giving up their weekend to help keep our lake a safe place to visit, and a big

thank you to Serco for their input and for clearing the huge pile of branches we could not recycle.

Someone had dumped a load of conifer cuttings on the bank. That is fly tipping, an offence carrying a heavy fine if caught doing so, and it is not fair on us or the council to have to clear other people's rubbish when we work so hard to keep our open spaces and countryside as they should be, and "respected".

Spring brings new beginnings after the rigours of winter: soon birds will start nesting, frogs and toads will be migrating from the undergrowth to the water's edge, and fish will come into the margins. We need to be mindful of all these when visiting the lake. Since the beginning of February, the swans have been busy trying to shoo off last year's offspring and viewing sites to raise this year's brood. The great crested grebes have started their courting rituals, an amazing performance and one of nature's most spectacular scenes to witness. Within weeks, coot and moorhen will start building nests, often very close to the banks. With all this activity we humans need to be mindful and not to disturb what's taking place just a few feet from the pathway.

We therefore ask that you please pop your dog on a lead if you walk it around the lake (just as the signs request). If you have young children, please stay on the path, not just because of the wildlife, but the banks of the lake are steep and very slippery after all the rain we've had. Thank you.

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Goldsworth Park Trefoil enjoyed a New Year lunch at the Hare and Hounds (picture above), West End. The company was excellent and the meal was very good.

The local Trefoil Guild meets on the first Friday of each month at the Generation Centre, Denton Way from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm. New members are warmly welcomed.

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News from St Andrew's by Revd Scott Smith

Greetings Goldsworth Park!

I read recently about the Inuvik sunrise festival held in the Northwest Territories in Canada. It marks the return of the sun after more than 30 days of polar nights and no official sunrise.

A polar night is when the night lasts for more than 24 hours, due to the rotation of the earth in relation to the sun.

Whilst our own winter has seemed long, perhaps a little grey and occasionally stormy, and we've no doubt missed the sun, we are at least spared those long polar nights. And we are just beginning to catch glimpses of the sun's warming rays making their appearance on the horizon.

The themes of light and dark are repeated throughout the Bible and within the Christian faith. Easter arrives early this year (the earliest since 2008) and profoundly illustrates these themes of light and dark.

On Good Friday we remember the very darkest of days with Jesus' death on a Roman cross outside the walls of Jerusalem and seemingly outside the bounds of God's care.

We read too that 'darkness fell across the whole land' as Jesus hung there, dying the most shameful of deaths.

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Darkness has still not overcome the fresh hope we find in Jesus and the Easter accounts.

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

You are very welcome to join us this Easter at St Andrew's to celebrate this very good news at a variety of different services.

Easter 2024 at St Andrew's

Sunday, 24th March 3pm | 'Messy' Easter – A time to celebrate the story of Easter with crafts, activities, music and food. Aimed

at Primary-school aged children and families.

Thursday, 28th March 7:30pm | A service of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday.

Friday, 29th March 11am | Join with 'Churches Together in Woking' in Jubilee Square, Woking.

Friday, 29th March 2pm | 'An Hour At The Cross' on Good Friday: A simple, reflective service with readings and quiet.

Sunday, 31st March 10am | Altogether Easter Day Celebration with Holy Communion.

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 the new life on offer through Jesus.

As I've said, I'm not just here for the church family that gathers week-by-week, Sunday-by-Sunday in the building next to Waitrose, but for all of us who call Goldsworth Park home. Every single person, whether you used to come to church, have never come, go elsewhere or have no intention of ever coming.

As someone once said, "The church is the only society on earth that exists for the benefit of its non-members."

Please join us any Sunday or in all that goes on through the week. If you see me out and about, do stop me and say "hello".

There's always plenty of life going on at St Andrew's week-by-week which you may not realise. I've highlighted just three below.

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!

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

Warm Welcome | Meets weekly on a Tuesday in Andy's Community Cafe between 9am-12midday. Free drinks and a warm welcome await you – all welcome.

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



Community Tea and Cake – 23 March

By the Editor Goldsworth News

The GPCA Trustees are delighted to share with you the news that as a result of the responses to the GPCA questionnaire to Goldsworth Park residents in 2023 the first GPCA event after quite some time is being held. All Goldsworth Park residents are invited to The Lodge between 2.00pm and 4.00pm on Saturday the 23rd March where tea and cakes will be available at no charge.

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Community Hub Activities

Discussion between Royer Slater (GPNews) and Patrick Coad (Community Worker at St Andrew's Church) covering some of the community hub activities taking place right here in Goldsworth Park. We hope you will join in some of these events.

SINCE the cost of living crisis has taken its toll, "Warm Welcome Spaces" have opened their doors across the nation, including Goldsworth Park where Andy's Community Café in St Andrew's Church offers free hot drinks and biscuits and friendly faces every Tuesday from 9am to midday.

"The national Warm Welcome Campaign was set up to bring local communities together through places where everyone can connect with their community and make new friends," explained Patrick Coad, Community Worker at St Andrew's Church.

"In addition to the Warm Welcome Space in Andy's on Tuesday mornings, Andy's Café is open on Wednesday and Thursdays from 10am to 2.30pm during school term times, with a broader selection of drinks and food on a pay-as-you-feel basis. On Thursdays it also hosts informal craft and art groups to bring people together – both free to attend.

Andy's is child-friendly with a play area and children's toilet, and also dog-friendly.

On Friday mornings the church offers support for new mums and mums-to-be in its Bump & Beyond group in Andy's from 10am to 11.30am, with free entry. Parent & Toddler groups meet in the A2 hall next to the church on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am to 11.30am during school term times, also with free entry.

"We originally opened our Warm Welcome Space on Tuesdays under Surrey County Council's 'Warm Hubs' scheme which was in response to soaring energy bills, so people who were struggling to heat their homes had access to a warm and welcoming place, to relax and meet people, or to work," explained Patrick.

"As the cost-of-living crisis began to affect more people than ever, Surrey County Council (SCC) broadened their scope and now calls them 'Warm Welcome' venues. The national Warm Welcome Spaces scheme and SCC Warm Welcome venues each has a web site and we are listed on both.

Open Day at Horsell Bowling Club

Saturday 20th April 2024

Horsell Bowling Club is a thriving, friendly club first established over 100 years ago and situated in the heart of Horsell.



This year we are holding our **Open Day on Saturday 20th April 2024** between 9.45 am and 12 noon. It is the ideal time for novice and experienced bowlers to try out their bowling skills. No experience necessary. Come along to meet our qualified coaches, play bowls, have a chat and see how you get on. The club is always happy to welcome and help new members. During Autumn/Winter time, when the green is shut, we also hold a number of social events including whist, table tennis, quiz nights, Knit & Natter, Saturday Brunches, Coffee Mornings to name but a few.

We are very easy to find in Queen Elizabeth Gardens, High Street, Horsell, next to the Village Hall and opposite The Crown. Just come along and give it a try any time between 9.45 and 12 noon on the 20th April.

All equipment will be provided, just wear flat shoes. Further details from Alison on 01483 720201 email a.ferries@sky.com.

"We welcome an average of 30 people each Tuesday, occasionally as many as 50."

On the first, third and fifth Tuesday of each month Andy's also offers "Coffee and Chat" from 10.30am to midday, when church pastoral assistants are available to offer support to those struggling in any way.

The Craft Café runs from 10am to 11.30am on Thursday mornings, and the Art Group from 1pm to 3pm those afternoons. Both offer creativity, conversation and coffee. They are free to attend and with all materials provided. These are held during term time.

Patrick added: "In every case, people can come with a friend, or alone, when they will soon make friends over a hot drink or snack – it's very welcoming.

"Social isolation is a big issue nationally and locally, for all ages and social classes and even in 'prosperous' neighbourhoods. In Andy's we've seen many solid friendships form, within and across ages and social backgrounds.

"Although it all happens on church premises and is facilitated by church members, we offer all these activities because we love to support the whole community of Goldsworth Park.

People from all over Woking enjoy them too. We don't push our faith, but some who've joined our groups end up coming to other church events, activities, or our friendly Sunday morning services.

For more information on any of these activities you can call St Andrew's Church office on 01483 723879. Community Worker Patrick Coad can be reached by email community@standrewsgwp.org

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Dates for your diary



Regular Events

GOLDSWORTH GUIDES

Rainbows – Monday, Tuesday and Friday 4.45pm to 5.45pm;

Brownies – Monday Tuesday and Friday 6pm to 7.30pm;

Guides – Tuesday 7.45pm to 9.15pm

GOLDSWORTH SCOUTS

Beavers – Wednesday 5pm to 6pm; **Cubs** – Thursday 5.45pm to 7.15pm;

Scouts – Thursday 7.30pm to 9.00pm

WARM WELCOME – Tuesdays, drop in 9am– midday.

Friendly chat and company on in Andy's Community Café. Free entry and with free tea, coffee and biscuits.

COFFEE AND CHAT – First, third and fifth Tuesdays of each month, drop in 10.30am–midday. Conversation and company at Warm Welcome in Andy's at Goldsworth Park Centre. Church pastoral assistants are available to offer support to those struggling in any way.

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP – Mondays and Wednesdays, drop in 10am–11.30am*. With toys and ride-ons, crafts and singing. FREE (optional donation £2 per family). Run by St Andrew's Church during school term times, in A2 Youth & Community Centre (next to Church). This is a free "drop-in", so entry may be restricted if max number is reached. Details: email toddlers@standrewsgwp.org

BUMP & BEYOND – Fridays, drop in 10am–11.30am.

Relaxed group for parents-to-be and parents with babies not yet walking. Offers support and opportunities to make friends and share experiences. Fun for babies with toys and activities. FREE (optional donation £1 per family). Run by St Andrew's Church in Andy's Café (or the A2 Centre if there is an event in the Church). Details: email bumpandbeyond@standrewsgwp.org

SING GOLD – Wednesdays, 2pm to 3.30pm. Goldsworth Park's Community Choir meets to have fun singing songs of all kinds in the Chapel at St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park Centre.

WOKING YOUTH – Wednesdays, 6.30pm–8.30pm. Drop-in for young people aged 11-19 in Lakeview Community Centre. See www.wokingyouth.org.uk for details. Volunteers needed to help at sessions: for info please email admin@wookingyouth.org.uk

YOUTH EVENING – Alternate Fridays, 7.30pm–9pm*. For young people aged 11–16, with games and activities, and a termly trip out. For information and dates email youth@standrewsgwp.org.

LIFT UP TOGETHER – Thursdays, 12pm –3.30pm. Social self-support group aiming to destigmatise mental health issues in a safe environment. With lunch, newspapers and magazines and activities such as bingo, quizzes and games, in Lakeview Community Centre.

MUMS' BIBLE STUDY GROUP – Alternate Thursdays, 10am to 11.30am*. Meets fortnightly in the Chapel at St Andrew's. For dates contact Karin by email: children@standrewsgwp.org

CRAFT GROUP – Thursdays, 10am–11.30am*. With a variety of craft activities in Andy's Community Café. Materials provided, all FREE.

ART GROUP – Thursdays, 1pm–3pm*. Creativity, conversation and coffee. All abilities welcome. Meet and make friends in Andy's Community Café. Materials provided, all FREE.

* Not during school holidays

THE LIGHTBOX – Tuesdays to Sundays, times vary (closed Mondays and Bank Holidays). Art exhibitions (changed regularly), Woking's Story (museum) plus workshops for adults and for families with young children. The headline exhibition is currently The Vanity of Small Differences by Turner Prize-winning artist Grayson Perry, closing on 2 June 2024. For full details and charges (when applicable) visit thelightbox.org.uk or call 01483 737800.

GOLDSWORTH PARK RANGERS FC. Friendly community youth football club providing grassroots football opportunities for boys and girls at Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground. For details visit <http://tinyurl.com/gp-rangers>

WOKING REPAIR CAFÉ operated by Woking Environment Action (WEAct) – 10am to 12.30pm. Volunteers offer free repairs for small electrical/mechanicals, clocks, furniture, toys, garden tools, clothing and textiles. Donations welcome to cover costs. Only items that can be carried by one person will be accepted. No petrol-driven

items for safety reasons. Dates/venues: 9th March at St Michael's Church Sheerwater; 13th April at St Mark's Church, Westfield; 11th May at Trinity Methodist Church, Brewery Road; 8th June at Andy's Café in St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park. If possible, email beforehand with details of what you wish to bring: hello@wokingenvironmentaction.com.

March

DAILY UNTIL FRIDAY 22 MARCH Free Will Writing with Woking & Sam Beare Hospice and Wellbeing Care | Writing a will ensures your wishes will be fulfilled and loved ones provided for after your death. For a list of participating solicitors/businesses visit <https://wsbh.org.uk/wills> or email wills@wsbh.org.uk or call 01483 742773

FRIDAY 1 MARCH Trefoil Guild 7.30pm– 9.30pm | Monthly meeting for current and past Guiders who enjoy meeting like-minded folk. The Generation Centre, Denton Way.

WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH Hearing aid clinic: drop in from 1pm–3pm | NHS hearing aid general maintenance including cleaning retubing, general advice and free NHS batteries. St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park Centre. Free service run by NHS-trained. For details visit www.standrewsgwp.org/hearing

SATURDAY 23 MARCH GPCA community tea and cakes 2pm to 4pm Free event | The Lodge, Goldsworth Park Lake. Pop in for a cuppa and cake and meet your fellow residents.

SUNDAY 24 MARCH Messy Church 3pm–5pm | Join us for fun, crafts, games, songs and food. Aimed at families with children aged 4-10 (primary school age), but older/younger siblings are welcome. St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park Centre.

April

WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL Hearing aid clinic: drop in from 1pm–3pm | NHS hearing aid general maintenance including cleaning retubing, general advice and free NHS batteries. St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park Centre. Free service run by NHS-trained volunteers. For details visit www.standrewsgwp.org/hearing

FRIDAY 5 APRIL Trefoil Guild 7.30pm– 9.30pm | Monthly meeting for current and past Guiders who enjoy meeting like-minded folk. The Generation Centre, Denton Way.

SATURDAY 6 APRIL Skydive for Woking & Sam Beare Hospice and Wellbeing Care | Collect sponsors and raise money for the local hospice charity by skydiving. Various locations available. Full training given. For details visit www.wsbh.org.uk

SATURDAY 6 APRIL Andy's 'Out of Hours' 7.30pm–10pm | Live music and entertainment in the comfort of Andy's Community Cafe, with licensed bar and food. Tickets FREE (donations accepted) but book here: tinyurl.com/andysooh

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL GPCA CIO Public meeting 7.00pm | The Lodge, Wishbone Way, Goldsworth Park, Woking GU21 3RT. All Goldsworth Park residents' welcome. Come along to meet other residents and share your views.

SATURDAY 20 APRIL Horsell Bowling Club Open Day 9.45 to noon | Come along and try your hand at bowls- all ages welcome. We are 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. Further details from Alison on 01483 720201 or email a.ferries@sky.com

TUESDAY 23 APRIL Seniors' Easter Tea 2pm Free event (donations accepted). In Andy's Community Café (within St Andrew's Church). Sheryl Herbert will speak on "Hope and Future". Booking essential: call 01483 727834 or email pastoral@standrewsgwp.org

SATURDAY 27 APRIL Woking Park Bowls Club Open Day | Come along to our friendly club and try your hand at lawn bowls 10.30am–12.30pm. All equipment provided, just wear flat shoes/trainers. No experience necessary as our coaches and members will be around to help. For more info contact wookingparkbowls@gmail.com or Carole 07720 471318

May

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■ **SUNDAY 18 MAY Messy Church 3pm-5pm** | Join us for fun, crafts, games, songs and food. Aimed at families with children aged 4-10 (primary school age), but older/younger siblings are welcome. St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park Centre.

June

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■ **WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE Hearing aid clinic: drop in from 1pm-3pm** | NHS hearing aid general maintenance including cleaning retubing, general advice and free NHS batteries. St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park Centre. Free service run by NHS-trained volunteers. For details visit www.standrewsgwp.org/hearing

■ **FRIDAY 7 JUNE Trefoil Guild 7.30pm-9.30pm** | Monthly meeting for current and past Guiders who enjoy meeting like-minded folk. The Generation Centre, Denton Way.

■ **SATURDAY 8 JUNE Repair Cafe 10am to 12.30pm** | At Andy's Community Café in St Andrew's Church. See details on this page (above).

■ **SUNDAY 9 JUNE Dragon Boat Races and Family Fun Day, 10am-4pm** | Woking & Sam Beare Hospice and Wellbeing Care's annual fundraising event, with races on Goldsworth Park Lake and family fun on the lakeside, with face painting, plant sale, tombola, children's games and activities, barbecue and refreshments. For details, including how to register a Dragon Race team, visit wsbh.org.uk



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Goldsworth property market trends – a view

THE property market in Woking is full of opportunity, especially if you're considering a move in 2024. Goldsworth Park and Woking as a whole has seen the local property market kick off with robust enthusiasm this year, reflecting a strong sense of confidence among homeowners and prospective buyers alike.

The newfound vigor in the sales marketplace is prompted by notably more competitive interest rates than we saw in 2023. This shift not only makes the dream of homeownership more attainable for many but also signals a prime opportunity for those thinking of selling.

We've seen the number of new buyer registrations has double in January 2024, compared to the same time last year. This surge in demand, coupled with a tighter supply of available properties compared to last year, has created an environment where many homes are achieving, if not surpassing, their asking price.

The reawakening of London has also played a pivotal role in invigorating the market. With the city's doors wide open, we're witnessing a significant influx of commuters and London buyers exploring the opportunities Woking has to offer. It's worth celebrating that, according to a recent Get Surrey article, properties in Woking are selling faster than anywhere else in

Surrey. This accolade not only speaks volumes about the desirability of our area but also assures you that choosing to move in 2024 could very well be a timely and astute decision.

On a local level, Seymours are also celebrating a significant milestone in our fundraising efforts for Woking & Sam Beare Hospice – in 2023 we raised a record breaking £31,776, bringing our fundraising total for the charity to more than £100,000! We're already organising many more fundraising events throughout 2024 and will be competing once again in the famous Dragon Boat Race on Goldsworth Park lake later this year. The compassionate care Woking & Sam Beare Hospice provide to patients and their families is an inspiration to us all, and we are honored to support them.

As a partner at Seymours Woking, I'm here to guide you through this vibrant market landscape, ensuring your journey in 2024 is both successful and rewarding. Start your journey with a free market appraisal by calling 01483 757700 or email sales@seymours-woking.co.uk



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